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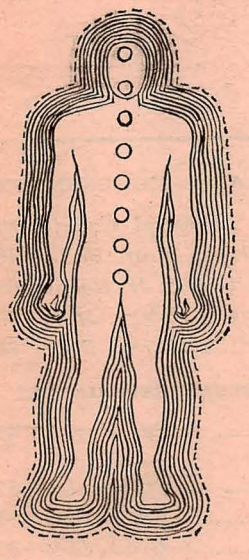
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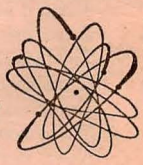
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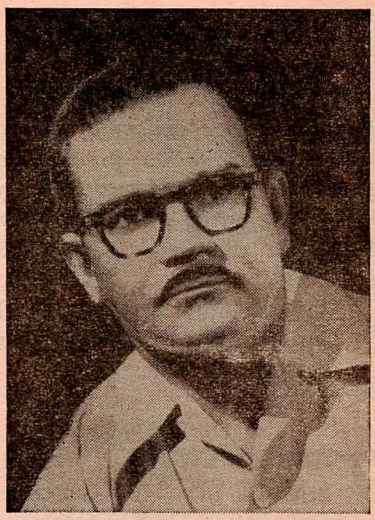
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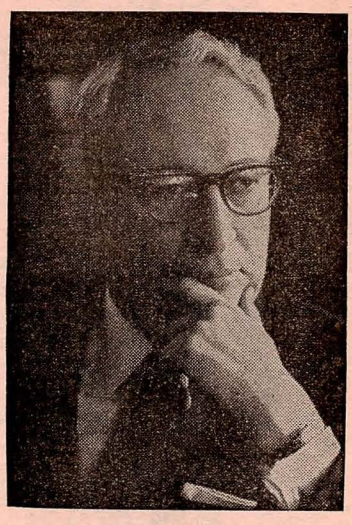
While paranormal phenomena appear to be independent of physical systems, they follow psychological patterns: "The need and habit system of the living individual play a prominent part in the extrasensory functions."

W.G. Roll, abstracting paper by Gardner Murphy in *Theta,* Summer, 1964.

THE ESP DILEMMA

THE TRANSITION between what is perceived consciously and what is perceived unconsciously is a gradual and ill-defined area, yet it is one of the keys to understanding psychic phenomena.

Sensory signals are perceived, for the most part, consciously. Extrasensory signals usually are perceived unconsciously. The stimuli of most sensory signals are known: their wavelengths, if they fall within the spectrums of sound or light, can be identified. Other physical signals that can be identified include touch, taste and smell. We know what the sources of these signals are; we can identify the energies that carry the signals; and we know and can identify the organs that receive the signals even though considerable mystery still surrounds their functioning.



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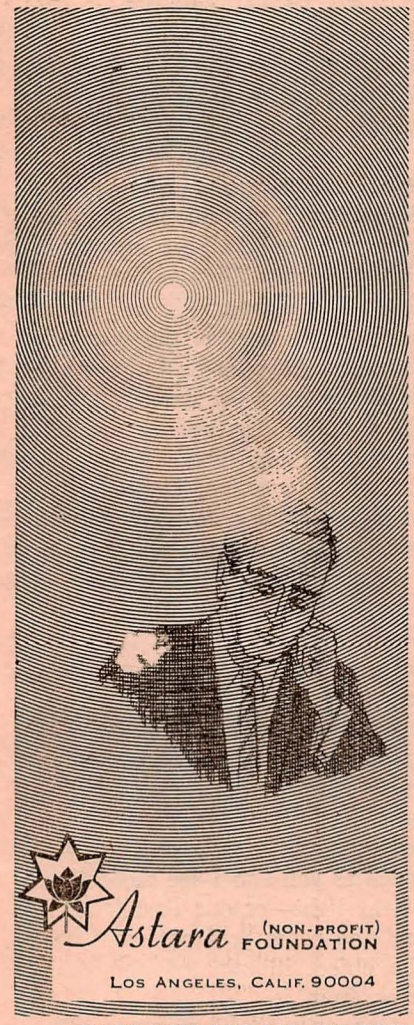
It is when we attempt to investigate the extrasensory areas that we get lost. We do not know the sending mechanisms, the carrier energies, nor the receiving mechanisms.

This is one of the primary reasons for skepticism in regard to ESP. Even when a veridical incident occurs it is doubted because it makes no sense within the framework of the science we know. The key words are "the science we know".

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Such a case is the migration of birds and animals. Does anyone doubt that birds migrate—by utilizing abilities that are not understood? Admittedly we have some clues—in magnetism, in the polarity of the sun's rays, in the star maps of the heavens; for birds apparently do navigate by the stars. But all of these things together do not fully explain the migration of birds.

Such a case, too, is the homing of pigeons. They do home. But, as yet, no one has explained it.

Another such mystery, until recent years, was the whole pattern of the echo-sounding of bats. And, more recently, it has been discovered that porpoises and other cetaceans have the same ability. Bats and porpoises "see" sound with their ears (and perhaps their bodies) on a dark night. We are the source our eyes by the glow of a flashlight much as you and I see objects with of the light—or our flashlight is—and the beam goes out from us to the object illuminated and echoes back from it.

One difference between our human perception of sound echoes and the perceptions of bats and por-

poises is that they are able to give direction and dimension to the objects which echo back their pulsed sounds, whereas we human beings feel lucky if we even hear a sound echo.

There is little doubt that the animals using echo sounding methods of perception have a wholly different method of perceiving sounds, one that is quite comparable to our sense of vision. It seems probable that this sense developed because of necessity. The bat cannot see well at night with its eyes because of lack of radiation in the visible spectrum and the porpoise cannot see well in the sea for the same reason. So echo sounding was developed as a supplemental method of perception.

Recently it has been noted that many fish—possibly all fish—seem to perceive sound three-dimensionally.

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THE DINNER CALL

DR. WARREN J. Wisby of the University of Miami's Institute of Marine Science has reported that sharks, and perhaps other predatory fish such as barracuda, can pinpoint the source of particular kinds of sound and recognize them as the source of food. These sounds become the fish's "dinner call".

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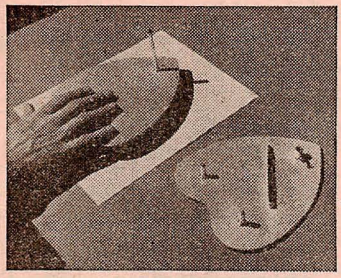
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gling fish create underwater sound waves of low frequency and these waves are transmitted in bursts as the fish struggles. Sharks soon appear near the source of these low pulsed sound waves—even when the pulses consist of taped signals.

A shark's ears are set very close together inside its skull and sound travels five times faster through salt water than through air. For this reason Dr. Wisby doubts that the shark is able to locate the source of the sound through differential reception in its ears as human hearing can. The sounds reach both of the shark's ears almost simultaneously.

Now it is suspected that sharks locate the source of the sound through a group of sensitive cells along their sides. This group of cells, called the "lateral line", is a matter of controversy among fish experts. It is possible the "lateral line" is connected with sound reception and orientation.

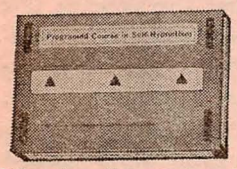
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ly unfamiliar kind of sensory signal.

Only within recent years we have realized that some animals use echo location and that sharks have this kind of "three-dimensional" sound-locating ability.

A bit farther out is the well-known ability of the pit vipers, which prey on small warm-blooded animals and locate them by their heat alone. It is as if the pits beneath their eyes are a second set of visual organs capable of "seeing" in a portion of the visual spectrum where human eyes cannot see. If a pit viper be temporarily blind as it is when ready to cast its skin—even the eyes under these circumstances are covered with opaque skin ready to be cast off—it still can sense warm-blooded animals with its pits and strike at them.

All honor to the men who discovered that pit vipers (and that includes rattlesnakes, copperheads, moccasins in North America) "see" in the infrared with the not-so-blind little pits which give them their name.

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AS KNOWLEDGE EXPANDS

MAKING DISCOVERIES in sensory areas where human senses do not function is enormously difficult because we are treading alien ground. Quite recently P. S. Callahan, of the U.S. Department

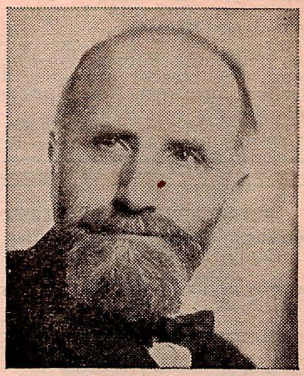
of Agriculture's research laboratories, at Tifton, Ga., made another breakthrough.

He discovered that some night-flying insects—perhaps many, perhaps all—both broadcast and receive in the infrared. With these previously unknown sensitivities they avoid colliding in the night, and find both mates and food.

I almost wrote "colliding in the dark" instead of "colliding in the night" in the paragraph above. This would have been wrong and would only have dramatized human obstinacy. Obviously what is dark to us is not dark to animals that see in the infrared!

It is time, right here, to remind ourselves what "light" really is. It is a very narrow band of the total electromagnetic spectrum to which our human eyes happen to be sensitive. Even with this narrow range of the spectrum we call "light" there are many different wavelengths. Perceived by our eyes as a total bundle of rays we call them "white light" but separately we call the bundles colors. When our eyes see "yellow" our brain and eyes together actually are measuring an electromagnetic wavelength and defining it as "yellow". This eye-brain computer is able to measure thousands of differences in wave lengths and their harmonics which we "see" as colors.

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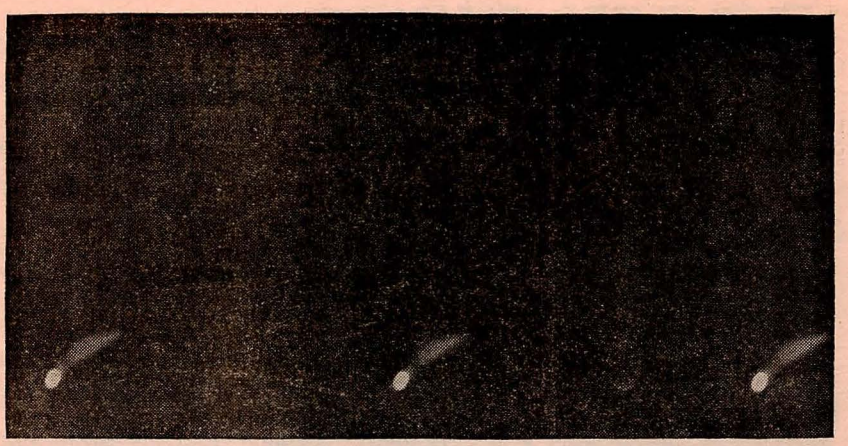
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dom occurs to us that other creatures—perhaps even some humans—may be perfectly capable of seeing in infrared areas of the spectrum, which have wave lengths too long, or in ultra-violet areas which have wavelengths too short for our visual apparatus to perceive.

We do sense infrared as heat, and it might be argued that animals, such as pit vipers and insects, really are sensing heat as our human skin senses heat and not really "seeing" as our eyes see. Until we can penetrate the mind of the snake or the bug it will be difficult to know. As a matter of faith we prefer to believe otherwise.

Of further interest in Entomologist Callahan's studies of moths and his conclusion that they not only "see" infrared rays but generate them as well. He believes they do this to make themselves visible to other insects. He took moths in the cool of the night and suspended them in front of instruments which measure infrared. He discovered they were "hot bodies". He reports that certain food plants on which the moths feed also are infrared broadcasters.

In one experiment, Callahan painted the walls and ceiling of a room black and shielded the windows and door. In the center he placed a tube that emits infrared. He covered the tube with black tape and around it put sticky paper.



Photo, a print of three frames of movie film exposed by Gemini-4 Astronaut James A. McDivitt, shows "satellite" he observed on the 20th revolution of his four-day space flight. He used 16mm. camera with wide-angle lens. (NASA photo from UPI.)

He then released 100 night-flying moths of a corn earworm variety. They flew immediately to the infrared emitter—52 of them were trapped in the sticky paper.



ESCALATING THE PROBLEM

IN THE ABOVE examples, we really are not considering alien claims. We are familiar with sound and with the function of ears and eyes. Our instruments have taught us how radar works.

We are not unfamiliar with the infrared. We feel it as heat. Some photographic films are sensitive to it. It causes certain salts to fluoresce. It is measurable by such a simple instrument as a thermometer.

Yet, somehow, when we call it "infrared" and imagine actually using it to "see" by it seems strange.

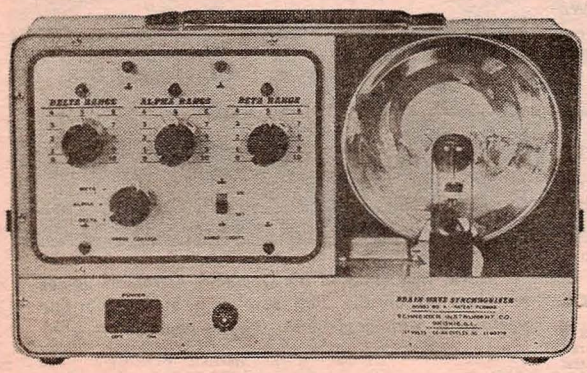
To go a step farther, imagine communicating with intelligent aliens from another world. What assurance do we have that they would use sound, or touch, or taste, or light, or odor (as some animals do) to communicate with us? Perhaps they would try to use a type of energy or wavelength completely unknown to us, to which we are completely insensitive. Then we would be blind to each other.

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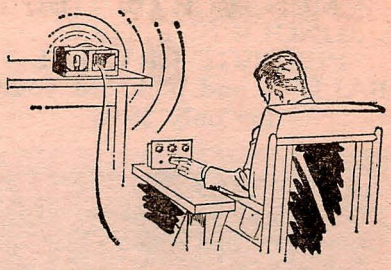
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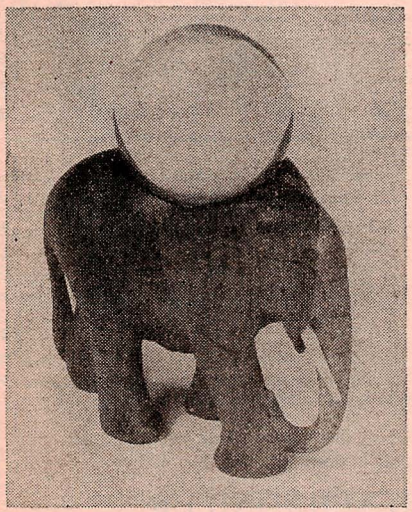
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WITCHERY

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They had to have their own wells and the banker contacted the largest driller in the area—a man who handles big commercial projects. The driller selected a site and found no water at shallow levels. He kept drilling, of course, and finally struck a big vein of water 600 feet deep.

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The editor finally got around to wondering why the peaceful neighboring farms didn't have similar water troubles. So he inquired and found that they had mineral-free shallow wells which had been discovered by Mr. Pond, the water witch.

The editor called in Mr. Pond, whose peach branch indicated a long arc across the lawn at any point of which, he indicated, water would be found at a depth of 80 to 90 feet.

So they called in a local driller who found water at 86 feet, and the cost of everything, including equipment and Mr. Pond's $12 fee was less than $1,500.

"About a week later the ritual was repeated at the banker's, with the same result," MacDonald reports.

MacDonald suggests they call in Mr. Pond to help in New York City.

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SAHARA MYSTERY

ON THE EDGE of the Sahara desert, in West Africa, is a geological mystery that no one yet has explained. It is the "Richat Formation", a 30-mile circle of great

concentric ridges looking like gigantic fortifications that enclose a central dome. So symmetrical it seems man-made, it resembles a gigantic bulls-eye, or a whirlpool of earth and ridges.

Because of scientific interest this strange phenomenon was made a priority item for photography by Majors James A. McDivitt and Edward H. White II on their Gemini space flight. Their photograph of the Richat Formation, from an altitude of 115 miles, emphasizes the amazing symmetry of the structure as drawings could not.

No one is sure exactly what created this strange phenomenon. At present, though, scientists feel it must be some sort of natural geological freak. One suggestion is that it was once a giant dome, pushed up by an underground intrusion of lava, and that it then was eroded evenly all around, exposing the upthrust layers as concentric rings.

The space flight people say only that they photographed the structure to gain experience in identifying geologic formations as seen from space and to apply those lessons in interpreting views of the moon.

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Zond III photographs indicate that the far side of the moon is far more rugged and pitted with craters than the side we can see from earth.

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DYEING STORY

A WHOLLY new idea in archeology just has been introduced by Dr. Sidney M. Edelstein, a chemist and expert in the history of chemistry which confirms that the Indians of Mexico and the ancient Hebrews used the same kind of dyestuffs.

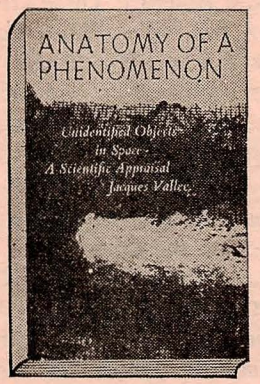
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there. His studies lead him to believe that at least three dyes were used in ancient times in the Mediterranean area at the same time they were used by the Indians in Mexico and Central America. These are the blue from the indigo plant, purple from the murex shellfish and red from the cochineal or similar insects. The Indians also used madder to provide alizarin red, which likewise was used in biblical times.

His research has convinced Dr. Edelstein that the dyes offer a clue to the early migration of civilizations to the New World. His study of cochineal convinces him that the cactus plant on which the insects feed existed in the Near East in ancient times despite the current belief that it was brought from the New World after the time of Columbus.

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THE HUNT FOR LEMURIA

DR. ROBERT S. Dietz, a geological oceanographer of the U.S. Environmental Sciences Services Administration (ESSA), has proposed that an intensive undersea search be conducted for missing pieces of a gigantic continent that once existed in the Southern Hemisphere.

Dietz believes that these missing pieces represent fragments of a southern supercontinent that drifted into positions now known as India,

Australia, Antarctica, Madagascar, Africa and South America. The original continent is known as Gondwana.

The problem of fitting the existing pieces together to reconstruct Gondwana is that there are missing parts in the jigsaw puzzle. One missing part is believed to be a large submerged block about the size of Texas, capped by the Seychelles Islands in the Indian Ocean. Now Dr. Dietz wants to find the other missing sections. If found, they will help confirm the theory of continental drift and, of course, existence of Gondwana.



SEARCH FOR THE ARK

FOR 50 YEARS reports have trickled in from explorers who say they have found the remains of Noah's Ark. In 1944 a Russian plane crew said they had seen "a monstrous boat" sticking out of the ice on the biblical Mt. Ararat. In 1956 a Frenchman named Navarra climbed the mountain with his son and they brought back a chunk of blackened wood which they claimed to have taken from the Ark. The nomadic Muslim tribes who inhabit the base of the mountain say the Ark has been seen by many of them during the brief summer run-off.

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the Ark. Four times he has climbed Mt. Ararat. The fourth climb was in July, 1965, but the mountain still guards its secret—if, indeed, it has a secret. All attempts by ark hunters this past year, 1965, ended in failure because of bad weather. Libi's 10-man expedition was forced down by violent snow and rain storms.

Mr. Libi had hoped to climb the 16,945-foot peak in two days. He said that on his last ascent he found the site of the Ark. "It is buried under snow and earth and is possibly a frozen mass," he said. "But I know now exactly where Noah's Ark is situated and that is why I will be able to climb straight to it this time."

But alas for the plans of mice and men—

John Libi is a free-lancer but last year's expedition was sponsored by a reputable group, the Archeological Research Foundation of New York.

Its project director, Col. Richard Irvine, recently retired from the U.S. Army, said the foundation is supported by private subscription and has between 25 and 30 consulting experts, "all of whom are reputable scientists."

In 1960 the foundation had sent an expedition to Mt. Ararat to explore a mysterious boat-shaped object which had been photographed from a Turkish military plane.

"The object looked like the petri-

fied remains of a ship," said Colonel Irvine,, "and appeared to be roughly the dimensions of the biblical Ark."

Genesis 6:14-16, gives the Ark's length as 300 cubits—450 feet—and its width as 50 cubits—75 feet.

The 1960 expedition discovered that the mysterious object photographed was merely a freak geological formation. However, an expedition in 1962 brought back fragments of a wooden object buried in the ice at about 15,000 feet. The carbon 14 method dated it at between 4,000 and 5,000 years old.

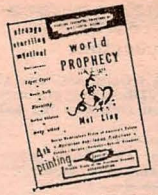
Expeditions to hunt Noah's Ark on Mt. Ararat run into many hardships. The mountain is close to the Russian border, in a "military sensitive area" and security precautions are tight. The area is isolated and the weather is terrible. "There are only three to six weeks out of the whole year when the upper reaches of the mountain can be explored at all," Colonel Irvine said. "However, we are determined to spend years, if necessary, in study of the mountain."

So, here it is, almost time to go again.

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the Fair Isle kirk.

In fact, after the service his friends taxed him with it. "What were you seeing through the kirk window that you had no eyes for the preacher?" they asked him.

"I was seeing a bonnie boat go down," he told them. And then he described in detail what he had seen.

And, although no ship anywhere nearby had sunk, 2500 miles away, early in the morning on that day, in the St. Lawrence river, the 14,191-ton liner, Empress of Ireland, was holed amidships in a fog by the Norwegian collier, Storstad.

Land was no more than two miles distant to port and to starboard but the ship sank within 10 minutes of the collision with the loss of 171 crew members and 840 passengers. The Empress of Ireland was just out from Quebec, homeward bound for Liverpool carrying many Salvationists bound for an international congress in London.

All of this Postmaster Jerome Stout described for his friends—he had watched it all out of the kirk window as he sat in his pew looking out over the Atlantic Ocean.

Newspapers which reached lonely Fair Isle days later had little to add to what the islanders already knew of the disaster.

This story was published in the Thursday, July 22, 1965, copy of the *Weeky Scotsman*, under the

heading "Strange Tales." And it was told by one Alex M. Cassells, who says that he had the story from Mr. Stout himself a quarter of a century after the event. He also says he talked with others on Fair Isle, while he was the island's schoolmaster and missionary, who remembered and still talked with awe of this evidence of second sight.

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FOOTNOTE TO TREASURE

ANOTHER RICH treasure from a wrecked Spanish galleon has turned up in Florida—this one on the west coast. A 31-year-old architectural draftsman, John Charles Sykes, found the hulk 90 miles south of St. Petersburg more than a year ago, but his find has only recently been made public.

It was in water so shallow that gold coins could be picked up by waders. Apparently the ship burned to the water line and sank in the late 1600's. Among the finds are two solid gold statues of the Aztec period and swords with solid silver hilts. The wreck has not yet been worked seriously but when it is state agents will catalogue the treasure and supervise salvage because the state shares in the find under Florida law. Another recent find on Florida's East Coast was worth about $1.6 million.

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BONDS OF TWINDOM

The pain in Alice's throat was a mystery—until a telegram came from her twin sister 100 miles away.

By Margaret Gaddis

THE TWO YOUNG women facing each other across the counter of a Toronto, Canada, department store, might have been looking into mirrors. They even wore similar brown suits. But one, for whom a search was ended, was less mystified than the other, since she had known for some months she had a double, possibly a twin.

The girls, Marion and Margaret, had been born twins in Toronto in 1924 and put out for adoption. Marion grew up in Toronto; Margaret lived in Vancouver. Neither knew she had a sister. During World War II Margaret joined the Canadian Women Army Corps. In the same month Marion tried to join up and failed. The army sent

Margaret to eastern Canada where she repeatedly met people who called her "Marion" and described a "double". When she left the army she worked in the Toronto Post Office and eventually in 1945 succeeded in tracing her "double".

Although these young women did not meet until they were 21 amazing parallels exist in their lives. In their teens both had been expert roller skaters and considered becoming professional. Both had taken piano lessons, sung alto in church choirs, and had their tonsils removed in the same year. Both married sailors the same age, size, weight and build, who had been in the service four years, and were making the navy their careers. Perhaps oddest of all, the day after their first meeting in brown suits in the Toronto store, both women turned up for their second meeting wearing identical plaid skirts and similar heart-shaped lockets which had been gifts from their foster mothers on their 21st birthdays.

This story of Mrs. Margaret Judson and Mrs. Marion Smith was published in the Tacoma, Wash., *News Tribune,* January 12, 1959.

Amazing stories exist of complete psychic identification between twins. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mein of Burlington, Ont., Canada, had trouble telling their daughters Irene and Marja apart when they were tots. As they grew older they developed headaches, colds, and even toothaches simultaneously. Perhaps the strangest coincidence was the night they both woke up screaming from the same nightmare—falling off a cliff!

Apparently twins do not have to be together for these duplications to occur.

During World War II Carl J. Gunkel, stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky., met Allie and Alice Watts, identical twins. In March, 1943, he married Alice. When his unit was moved to Louisiana Alice went with him. One midsummer morning she woke him up because of an agonizing pain in her throat. Taken to a doctor, she was told it appeared to be nothing serious, to go home and rest. Surprised, her husband found the pills given her were only aspirin. Back at the post he called the doctor. The doctor admitted he was mystified. From the description of her pain he said he would have thought she had a bad streptococcal throat—but examination showed it to be normal!

All that day Alice was in pain and when night came she could hardly sleep. At 6:00 A.M. Western Union phoned a telegram from Kentucky asking her to come home —Allie was hospitalized with a serious strep throat.

But Alice said she didn't want to go; she insisted her sister was

now better. A few hours later a second wire confirmed this.

Nothing whatever had been wrong with Alice herself. But, somehow, she had shared the pain Allie was feeling more than 1000 miles away.

Another twin, Vera Randall, of Chula Vista, Calif., wrote of her shared experiences. It was commonplace for them to buy almost identical dresses or shoes at the same time in different cities. When Vera was in labor with each of her three children her twin, Willie, (who never had a baby) always knew because she also had bad stomach pains at regular intervals.

Mrs. Randall developed a ganglion on her wrist. Before her appointment with the surgeon to have it removed Willie and her husband drove over from National City, Calif. Willie had been to a doctor on the same day, for the same trouble! Furthermore she got an affidavit from Dr. Dale E. Hoyt to attest to the fact. He examined both women and stated for the record: "The ganglion is approximately the same size, in exactly the same location, and has been noted for approximately the same duration."

Here is a case going back to the 1880's. Mrs. Mathilde Leibrand and Mrs. Elizabeth Warner, twin sisters of Philadelphia, Pa., claimed to be in constant mental communication with each other even when they were geographically far apart.

On "St. Blizzard's Day" March 12, 1888, one twin "knew" her sister, who was visiting their grandmother, was "dying in a snow bank". The girl was rescued. The children then were 10 years old.

On July 30, 1896, one twin was in a Bridgeton, N.J., railroad disaster. The other "knew" of the accident at once but added immediately, "Thank God, Liz is safe!"

A year later Mrs. Warner was overcome by the heat while shopping in a big department store. Mrs. Leibrand "knew", drove in her carriage to the store and took her sister home.

But the most remarkable incident occurred when Mrs. Warner gave birth to a baby boy in Atlantic City. Her twin, over 100 miles away, was in such distress that her husband called a doctor. The pain left her and she said to the physician, "Lizzie has just had her boy." While the doctor was sputtering his outrage the phone rang. Mr. Warner had called to tell them his wife was safely delivered of a son.

The two sisters were so alike that their own mother could distinguish them only by their voices. Their measurements tallied so closely by the Bertillon system that an expert was required to distinguish their thumb prints.

There are so many cases of telepathic communication between twins that a closer than normal contact must exist.

At the request of Dr. J.B. Rhine of Duke University Mrs. Olivia Rivers, a psychologist of Mississippi State University, tested Terry and Sherry Young, pretty, identical twins of Jackson, Miss. She found the twins and their mother were correct in stating that they could pass not only words but sentences to each other telepathically. She discovered that Sherry was better as the receiver, Terry as the sender.

Believing that there could be too much "togetherness" with twins, Mrs. Young often sent one to their grandmother's for the night. "But whenever one of the girls would turn her ankle, get a toothache or develop a headache, the other always knew it," she said. At school teachers suspected the girls of helping each other on exams but, put in separate classrooms, the twins still used similar phrases and got similar marks. They admitted they helped each other, but they insisted it was by telepathy.

Among some savages the birth of twins is a calamity, for they believe they come from two fathers, one of whom is an evil spirit or a wizard who has had his eye on the woman. When she becomes pregnant by her husband the wizard then has intercourse with her without her knowledge. That's how baby wizards are born! A clever witch doctor can find out "through the bones" which is the real child. But if no medicine man is handy the midwife strangles both babies rather than permit a baby wizard to grow up in the tribe.

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THE NEWSPAPERS repeatedly print stories of twins who have identical injuries at the same time.

A news photo from the South Bend, Ind., *Tribune* shows Mrs. Saveta Martin and her twin, Miss Sophia Deretch, both wearing neck braces as the result of separate auto accidents. The stories cited in this article are merely a few selected from many clippings gathered from sources dating back to 1901.

From *The Times,* London, England, for October 29, 1925, comes this story: "Twin brothers injured at precisely the same time but in different parts of the town, occurred yesterday at Eastbourne. Fred Crowhurst of Uppertown-Gardens was cycling when, in a collision with a motor cyclist, he was badly injured. When the constable went to inform his mother she asked him to dress a wound in her son's leg. Inside he saw a boy with a serious injury to his knee. Supposing him to be the same boy he was told he was his twin, Gordon, who had fallen from a wall."

Mrs. Bertha Brown, a professional handwriting analyst prominent in the Chicago area, told me personally that, from many cases in her files, she has proved to her own satisfaction that the first-born twin's handwriting slopes more to the right than the second born's. Since analysts say that a forward slant denotes a more active, emotional personality, it seems logical that the more active twin would kick its way out to air and freedom a few moments earlier.

Dorothy Sara, another professional analyst, once president of the American Graphological Society, has written of her own twin nieces, who have radically different handwriting. The slant, pressure, letter formation and emotional patterns illustrated are as different as two specimens can be. Miss Sara states that the girls are identical twins but that their personalities are very different. This suggests that they are actually "two-egg" twins who just look remarkably alike.

Astrologers express differing opinions about twins. Sometimes twins are born far enough apart to have a different sign of the zodiac rising at birth—to account for very considerable differences in personality and life. At other times these degrees are close, yet the lives of the twins vary considerably. Obviously two different souls may react differently to life even through near-identical bodies, and geneticists now that non-identical twins can be as different as siblings born at different periods. One well-known astrologer, Frederick Kane, actually refuses to set horoscopes for twins who are not identical, claiming that the charts do not "work". His belief is that conception took place at different times so that one actually is older than the other. He says that occasionally, but not always, the horoscope of the last-born fraternal (two-egg) twin can be used for prediction. A possible reason, he suggests, is that the last born was conceived first and his birth forced the younger twin's to occur prematurely. With identical twins, on the contrary, the similar horoscopes work similarly.

Two thoroughly pixilated coincidences taken from my hundreds of clippings on twins verge upon farce.

In a Kentucky Derby office pool Vernon Hite of Louisville drew *Nashua*. His twin brother Charles entered a similar pool at his own office in Lexington and drew the same noble horse.

In Bellafonte, Pa., 19-year-old identical twins Donald and Dale Henry went deer-hunting—separately. At the end of the day each of them returned with an eight point buck. Each used three shots!

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THE AMAZING parallels that occur between twins separated

in infancy are quite inexplicable.

One of the strangest turned up in the 1930's when researchers at the University of Chicago were appealing over the radio for such cases of twins. Ed Jones was a telephone company employe who'd been called "Fred" by strangers from Topeka often enough to arouse his curiosity. Finally he told his parents about it—only to discover that he was an adopted son, one of identical twins.

Presently he set off for Topeka where he found his twin without much difficulty which in itself is amazing. He was flabbergasted to learn that they both worked for the Bell Telephone System, had received very similar educations in similar homes, had married girls of the same general type in the same year, each had a four-year-old son, *and each of them had a fox terrier called Trixie!*

It is only fair to state that the same researchers found other cases where twins who were separated early had quite different environments, financial conditions and even IQ ratings. The IQ's of identical twins are more apt to differ if they are separated early. But even when reared apart identical twins are more alike than fraternal twins reared together.

In Brisbane, Australia, twin brothers Lin and Lee Mills were separated at the age of eight. Thirty years later they met wearing the same type of shirt, smoking the same brand of cigarettes; both were five feet six inches tall and there was only one pound's difference in their weights. They found they both disliked orange marmalade, liked horses, drank moderately and smoked heavily. They even had the same extractions and fillings in the same teeth!

Parellel love lives among twins are so frequent as to be commonplace. Twins who, for a scientific test were labelled Dorothy and Lucy Roberts, were alike at every stage of their development. Tomboys as small girls, they developed an interest in boys at 15, and each planned to marry an athletic star in high school. Then their parents died. Lucy went on to college while Dorothy nursed a failing grandmother. During the next four years great emotional changes occurred in the girls—the same changes. Both lost interest in their high school heroes and turned to music; Lucy switched from college cheer leader to manager of the band; Dorothy chose the church choir. Soon they both married musicians.

The renowned German psychologist, Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld told of Robert and Peter, identical twins separated at seven years of age by their parents' deaths. Robert went to live with prosperous relatives in

Vienna, got a Ph.D. in physics, and became engaged to a wealthy girl. Peter left school at 18, went into business, and married a nice girl. Then, at the same period in their lives, both men met disaster in wild affairs.

Robert picked up a prostitute in a night club, became hopelessly infatuated and married her. Alienated from his relatives and the university, he could find no job, so she went back to the streets to keep him. He wound up a hopeless bum. Peter, the happily married business man, fell for a flashy blonde prostitute and later deserted his wife for her. He became a drunk and a thief and wound up in jail.

Prof. Johannes Lange, after studying twins in German prisons, stated that of 13 criminals who were identical twins, 10 had twins who also were criminals. Further, the twins engaged in similar types of crime. He did not find this true among fraternal twins, which suggests that only identical genes carry identical tendencies. A limited study of homosexuality among twins suggests the same correlation.

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AMONG THE strangest aspects of twin togetherness are the numerous cases of twins who die at the same time.

An Associated Press report from Dunkerque, France, on September 28, 1959, tells of Jean and Yves Delavance, 38-year-old twins who even managed to be sent to the same work camp in Germany during World War II. Returning home, they reopened the family grocery store, worked together, and dressed alike. Neighbors called them "the quiet men."

Yves fell in love but did not marry the girl. "To have real happiness my brother and I ought to marry twin sisters," he said. "We are still children in need of each other. I will not marry because I do not want to leave my brother."

Then Yves died suddenly. Jean joined his brother in death a week after Yves' funeral.

"It's very strange," said his doctor, "but apparently he could not live without his brother. I guess you would have to say he died of sorrow."

A report from Marseilles, France, concerns a British seaman, 17-year-old Michael Chillson, who died on board the British merchant ship *Alhama* almost immediately after he learned of the New Year's Day death of his twin. Alex died hundreds of miles away in Steps, Scotland, but Michael succumbed to the same ailment within 48 hours of his twin's passing.

In Lexington, Ky., Patrolman Gene Haynes, answering a first-aid call one Sunday morning, took 45-year-old Margie Baker to St.

Joseph Hospital. That night she died of a cerebral hemorrhage. Monday morning he answered a second first-aid call and took Magdalene Baker to the same hospital, where she was pronounced dead on arrival. The two women were twins.

Perhaps even more eerie is the duality in the lives of identical twins Bobbie Jean and Betty Joe Eller of Purlear, N.C. They did everything together. Tragically they both became mentally ill and were admitted to Broughton State Hospital in Morgantown. On April 12, 1962, at 12:55 A.M., an attendant discovered Bobbie Jean dead in her bed. Within a few minutes Betty Joe was found dead also, in another ward. No bruises or marks were found on either body. The county corner said, "There is no demonstrable cause of death."*

A London Cab driver named Jonathan Meeres, 58 years old, died of a heart attack with no previous illness, on April 18, 1961. A few days later a letter came to his address stating that his identical twin, Arthur, had died on April 18, in Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa. The brothers had been separated for 34 years.

A somber coincidence in the duplicate lives of identical twins occurred some years ago in the Death Row of a Southern prison. Twin brothers were serving time in the prison—Gene Trumbull and Bill Maddox, the latter an assumed name. Trumbull was awaiting execution for murder. Maddox was serving a 50-year stretch for armed robbery and worked in the power plant at the prison. He had been sending desperate messages to his brother's death cell by grapevine, promising somehow he would "fix it".

But the hour for the Death Walk came and Trumbull moved with the guards and clergyman toward his doom. Then, as the warden read the death warrant, the prison lights winked out, leaving everything in total darkness.

"Take him back to his cell, something's gone wrong!" the warden ordered.

In this old-style penitentiary the power for the electric chair came from the prison plant. The week before when Maddox oiled the generator he had added emory dust which he hoped would burn out the bearings. During the increasing tension on the morning of the execution, he saw that the bearings were smoking.

Would they burn out in time?

Desperately Maddox controlled himself until the hour was close. Then he could bear it no longer. Snatching up a huge crowbar, he heaved it into the whirling flywheel.

*Their amazing story was told in detail in the November, 1964, **FATE**.

And the flywheel boomeranged it back at him—pinning him to the big knife switch that controlled the power. When the guards arrived minutes later Maddox was dead from the charge that should have killed his brother. His brother was legally executed shortly thereafter.

Note: The writer and her husband, Vincent Gaddis, plan to expand this article into a book and need further material demonstrating ESP between twins, parallels in the lives, loves, illnesses, deaths of twins. If possible please include hour, date and place of birth. Curious cases of non-twins born the same day, or of strange doubles, also are needed. Credit will be given in the appendix for cases used. Write Mrs. Vincent Gaddis, Route 3, Box 437, Escondido, Calif.

MYSTERY OF THE REAPPEARING CROSS

A PUZZLE to everyone associated with Christ Episcopal Church in Middletown, N.J., is a small cross which appears to protrude slightly from near the center of the right front wall, at a height of about 15 feet.

According to the Rev. Robert E. Lengler, rector of the church, workmen have been painting over the cross for years in an effort to cover it, but about a year later the cross reappears by protruding from the paint. This, he stated, has been happening for as long as parishioners can remember.

In an article in the *Asbury Park Evening Press* for June 19, 1965, Vincent Foster reported that the cross recently had become visible again. The Rev. Mr. Lengler said he found it difficult to understand. Although the cross appeared to be protruding through the paint, the paint was not flaking off. He admitted that the cross never had been examined closely and that the material of which it was made was unknown.

The cross appears not to be part of the decorations in the earlier church structure, since there is no matching cross in the opposite side of the wall. The present church was built in 1835, around the shell of one dating back to 1734, and its walls contain many of the wooden beams of the earlier structure.

Many parishiners believe that the answer to the riddle lies in a legend that a solid gold cross was placed in the church as a thanks offering by the notorious pirate Captain Kidd over 200 years ago. The pirate had become ill while his ship was anchored near Middletown, and the rector of Christ Church nursed him back to health after the local doctor refused to treat him.

The people who stole the cow did not look like cattle thieves —nor did they work on horseback as cattle thieves usually do.

By Lucius Farish

Cattle Rustling by UFO

OUR MODERN UFO reports only occasionally contain descriptions of occupants. But numerous "airship" sightings published during the years of 1896 and 1897 show that the UFO occupants then apparently showed no hesitation about being seen.

The initial appearances of the "airships" were in the California area in November and December of 1896. Then the scene shifted to the midwest in the spring of 1897 and sightings were numerous and landings by no means unknown.

Two farm hands near Springfield, Ill., reported a conversation they had with the crew of an "airship" on April 15 of that year.

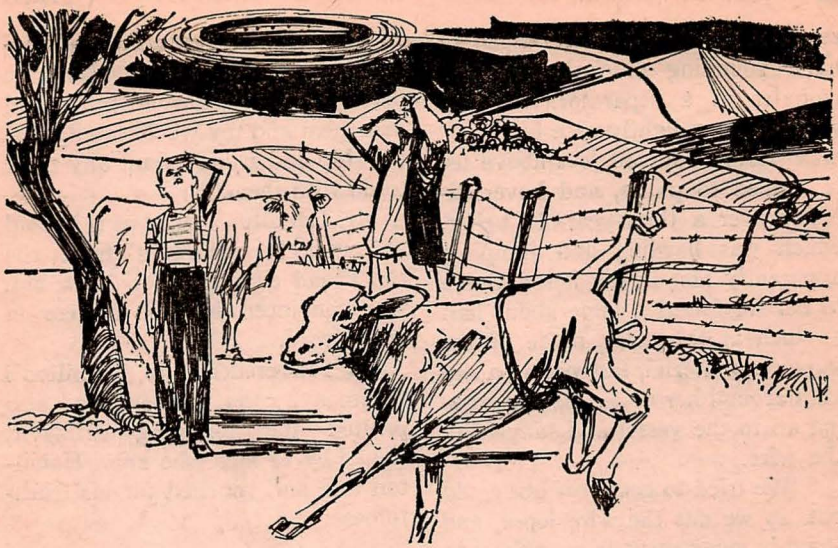
Charles Fort, in his book, *New Lands,* assures us that a cigar-shaped "airship" with wings and a canopy on top, landed at Carlenville, Ill., on the afternoon of April 10, 1897.

One of the most amazing stories comes from the state of Kansas. *The Farmer's Advocate,* of Yates Center, Kans., on April 23, 1897, printed the following incredible account:

AIR SHIP TAKES A COW!
THE THRILLING EXPERIENCE OF A WOODSON STOCKMAN

"Hon. Alexander Hamilton, of Vernon, came to town last Wednesday (April 21st) and created quite an excitement by announcing that he had been having some experience with the much talked about airship. Mr. Hamilton is an old settler, was a member of the legislature in the early days and is known all over Woodson, Allen, Coffey and Anderson Counties. To a representative of the *Advocate* Mr. Hamilton said:

" 'Last Monday night about half past 10:00 o'clock we were awakened by a noise among the cattle. I arose, thinking perhaps my bulldog was performing some pranks, but upon going to the door, saw to my utter amazement, an airship slowly descending over my cow lot



about 40 rods from the house.

" 'Calling Gid Heslip, my tenant, and my son, Wall, we seized some axes and ran to the corral. Meanwhile the ship had been gently descending until it was not more than 30 feet above the ground and we came up to within 50 yards of it. It consisted of a great cigar-shaped portion possibly 300 feet long with a carriage underneath.

" 'The carriage was made of panels of glass or other transparent substance, alternating with a narrow strip of some other material. It was brilliantly lighted within and everything was clearly visible. There were three lights; one like an immense searchlight and two smaller, one red, the other green. The large one was susceptible of being turned in every direction.

" 'It was occupied by six of the strangest beings I ever saw. There were two men, a woman and three children. They were jabbering together but we could not understand a syllable they said. Every part of the vessel which was not transparent, was of a dark reddish color.

" 'We stood mute in wonder and fright, when some noise attracted their attention and they turned their light directly upon us. Immediately upon catching sight of us, they turned on some unknown power, and a great turbine wheel about 30 feet in diameter, which was slowly

revolving below the craft, began to buzz, sounding precisely like the cylinder of a separator, and the vessel rose as lightly as a bird.

" 'When about 30 feet above us, it seemed to pause, and hover directly over a three-year-old heifer, which was bawling and jumping, apparently fast in the fence. Going to her we found a cable about half an inch in thickness, made of the same red material, fastened in a slip knot around her neck, one end passing up to the vessel and tangled in the wire.

" 'We tried to get it off but could not, so we cut the wire loose, and stood in amazement to see ship, cow and all rise slowly and sail off, disappearing in the northwest. We went home but I was so frightened I could not sleep but arose early Tuesday morning, mounted my horse and started out to find some trace of my cow, but coming back to LeRoy in the evening found that Lank Thomas, who lives in Coffey County about three or four miles west of LeRoy, had found the hide, legs and head in his field that day.

" 'He, thinking someone had butchered a stolen beast and thrown the hide away, had brought it to town for identification but was greatly mystified in not being able to find a track of any kind on the soft ground. I went home last night but every time I would drop to sleep I would see the cursed thing with its big lights and hideous people. I don't know whether they are devils or angels or what, but we all saw them and my whole family saw the ship and I don't want any more to do with them.' "

Mr. Hamilton looked as if he had not entirely recovered from the shock and everyone who knew him was convinced he was sincere in every word.

To add credence to Hamilton's testimony, the newspaper also printed the following affidavit, signed by 11 men who knew Hamilton well and vouched for his truthfulness:

"As there are now, always have been, and always will be skeptics and unbelievers, whenever the truth or anything bordering on the improbable is presented, and knowing that some ignorant or suspicious people will doubt the truthfulness of the above statement, now, therefore, we, the undersigned, do hereby make the following affidavit. That we have known Alex Hamilton from 15 to 30 years and that for truth and veracity we have never heard his word questioned and that we do verily believe his statement to be true and correct.

"E. V. Wharton, State Oil Inspector.

"H. H. Winter, Banker.

"H. S. Johnson, Pharmacist.

"Alex Stewart, Justice of Peace.

"F. W. Butler, Druggist.
"H. C. Rollins, Postmaster.
"M. E. Hunt, Sheriff
"E. K. Kellenberser, M.D.
"J. H. Sticher, Attorney
"H. Waymire, Druggist
"Jas. L. Martin, Register of Deeds
"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of April, 1897.—W. C. Willie Notary Public."

As may be imagined much comment was forthcoming in various Kansas newspapers following this story's appearance.

The *Kansas City Times* resorted to verse:

AIR SHIP TAKES A CALF

Swoops down like bird of prey
Grabs the meat and gets away;
Hamilton, who owns the veal
Stands trembling by and sees
the steal.
His truthfulness is past dispute
Vouched for by men of good repute.
Peruse the story; it's a beaut!

However, perhaps the most far-out comment came from the *Colony Free Press,* of May 7, 1897:

"The *Free Press* having turned the 'NOCTURNAL AERIAL VISITOR' completely over in its mind, is now of the opinion that the airship is not of this world, but is probably operated by a party of scientists from the planet Mars, who are out, either on a lark, or a tour of inspection of the solar system in the cause of science."

This far-sighted speculation, together with the "rustling" of Hamilton's heifer, make this case one of the most astounding to be found on record!

PROPHETIC WORDS

IN SUBURBAN Wetherill Park, near Sydney, Australia, a youth was killed when his car hit a tree at high speed. Tattooed on his right arm was the motto "Speed Kills."

SAVED BY A SMASHUP

NEAR LONDON, England, Edmund Sykes, 60, was being rushed to a hospital in an ambulance after having suffered a heart attack. He was unconscious and slowly dying when the ambulance skidded out of control into a ditch. The jolt, which police believe cleared a blockage in his heart, restored him to consciousness.

I JOINED THE FIREWALKERS

By Irwin Ross Ph.D.

I ONCE WATCHED a Hindu mystic, imported by Robert Ripley, stroll barefoot across two beds of hot coals in a Rockefeller Center parking lot, little dreaming that one day I would take a similar walk—with equal success.

Some years later, in May, 1952, I was living in Paea, Tahiti. This was after my military discharge during the Korean War when, together with several of my friends, I lived on this "beautiful-ugly" island for one year. Word reached me that a firewalking ceremony, or *Umiti* as the natives called it, was to take place at Raiatea, another South Pacific island some 130 miles to the north. I hurried to the scene via inter-island trading schooner.

My early arrival permitted me to witness every stage of the preparation for the ceremony, including the excavation of a pit 30 feet long, 15 feet wide and four feet deep, in the sacred grove near Tevaitoa. I watched the steady file of wood-gatherers dump faggots and logs into the oven and begin the two days' heating of the huge stones which were to provide the fiery footing for the parade of firewalkers.

Chief Terii Pa'o, young head of the firewalkers of Raiatea, explained to me the reason for the *Umuti*. Traditionally, the ceremony was held to pay homage to two great goddesses of ancient days. Admittedly, there was a secondary motive in Terii's mind—to collect a little money from the white tourists with which to buy a bottle of rum and some dress-goods for his *here* (sweetheart).

On the day of the firewalking rite I went to the sacred grove before dawn. Even from a distance I could see the glow from the fiery pit. The native attendants, their

almost nude bodies coated with coconut oil, passed around and around the oven as they leveled the stones.

Chief Terii and his followers emerged from the thatch temple at the far end of the clearing, garbed in native loincloths and sacred *ti*-leaves. Terii caught my eye and smiled. We had met some years before at the pearling atoll of Hikueru northeast of Tahiti, and it was at that time he had invited me

The veteran of a 30-foot walk through a South Pacific ritual fire pit offers an explanation of the firewalking phenomenon based on Air Force experiments with high-temperature survival.

to visit Raiatea to witness a firewalking ceremony.

The tourists surrounded Terii inspecting him carefully for concealed means of trickery. He submitted indulgently, grinning broadly at their thorough examination of his feet, legs and hair. One even explored his waistband for "powdered asbestos," which he was sure Terii planned to sprinkle over the hot stones.

One white spectator walked to the edge of the fiery pit, stared full into the center of the oven for a few seconds, then leaped back, his face and neck so seared that they had to be treated with coconut oil to relieve the pain.

I experimented more cautiously by putting my linen handkerchief on a long stick and dropping it into the center of the glowing stones. It instantly turned to gray powder.

There came a sudden rolling of sharkskin drums, and the native assistants began a low rhythmic chant. Chief Terii Pa'o with uplifted head, eyes fixed as in trance, walked toward the end of the oven, a branch of *ti-*leaves held in his hand. He stopped, considered the great expanse of fiery rocks, breathed deeply, and then struck the pit three times with the *ti*-wand. Now I heard his strong, clear voice chanting the firewalkers' prayer. Understanding some of the ancient Tahitian language, I listened intently. Finally, Chief Terii ended with the exultant shout *"O Vahine-nui-tahu-ra'i-e,"* all is covered!

I shall never forget the hush that attended Terii's first step into the pit. He hesitated for a moment as if to be sure that the rocks would not roll away under his heavy tread and then, with a strange smile on his lips, he walked slowly onto the burning rocks. The tourists gasped and the natives sat stiffly, as if hypnotized. Terii crossed the pit, turned, and retraced his steps. Upon his return his assistants formed in a straight line behind him. Again

Terii beat the edge of the glowing rocks with his *ti*-wand—then he and his followers marched with firm steps across the *Umu*. I could see the heat waves rippling above their heads, but there was no sign of burning flesh. I watched breathlessly as they traversed the oven, each second expecting one of them to leap from the line with a scream of agony. But each man passed across safely. The last cleared the fire-pit, and Terii raised his *ti*-leaves, took his place at the head of the column and led them back and forth three times.

When the final crossing had been completed, Chief Terii halted near the fire-pit and shouted. *"Atira!* Enough!" Then, to the astonishment of everyone, he whirled quickly, threw himself upon the ground, and crawled across the 30-foot expanse of glowing stones on his stomach!

At the other end of the oven Terii stood up, grinned and beckoned to the tourists to make their inspection. One of them laid the palm of his hand against the soles of Terii's feet. "Not even warmed!" he cried. Nor were his feet or his assistant's feet marked by the crossing of the fiery bed. The examination finished, the spectators stood about, incredulous.

Chief Terii then asked the assemblage if any were afflicted with physical or mental pains, in need of spiritual purification, or wished to test their courage with fire, by walking behind him over the hot rocks.

Passing close to me, he smiled and stopped. "Perhaps you would like to walk behind me across the *Umu*," he invited. "You have lived long in our islands and understand our customs and ceremonies. But if you are afraid, it would be very dangerous and foolish of you to attempt the fire-walk."

It was his last remark that compelled me to kick off my sneakers, remove my socks, and cry: *"Haere outou!* Let's go!"

My bravado ebbed as I stepped into the column forming behind Terii. There was a taut feeling in my throat, and my stomach turned over. My heart pounded so violently that my head ached. I suddenly remembered vividly the day in my childhood when I fell into a bonfire, and I wanted to step out of line. But a stalwart *tahua* (priest) behind me gave me a light push. Terii had started toward the pit!

Clamping my teeth tightly I inhaled deeply and began to walk. My legs felt numb and leaden. Then my bare feet touched something uneven and elevated. This is it, I warned myself. Another gentle shove on my shoulders and in the next instant countless tiny electric shocks pricked the bottoms of my feet. It was not unlike the quick

stabbing of the skin with needles. Smothering heat waves shimmered before my eyes, compelling me to squint. It was like a blast of heat from a huge furnace. It all but suffocated me, and I felt I would collapse if I did not breathe cool air quickly. As if from a great distance, I heard the murmuring of the spectators.

Then the tingling sensation on the soles of my feet ceased, and I knew I had passed over the oven. I looked quickly at my feet. They were unchanged. My body ran with rivulets of sweat, and I could see Chief Terii's broad back glistening with moisture. Terii abruptly lifted his wand of *ti*-leaves, a recognized signal that the last in line had passed over the *Umu,* and now everyone must right-about-face for the return crossing. I felt that I could not sustain another walk upon the hot stones, so I stepped quickly out of line. Terii grinned and gave me an understanding slap on my shoulders before leading his followers back across the oven.

I was surrounded quickly by the tourists, who lifted my feet and wiped away the dirt to search for burns. There were none. The natives shook my hand, saying *"Maitai roa"*—very good!

A number of white men have walked barefoot across the fiery ovens of Polynesia. Some have been horribly burned, others have been untouched. I cannot explain the reasons for this difference.

An experiment in heat and its effects on the human body was conducted during the early 1950's at the University of California at Los Angeles, under the supervision of Dr. Craig Taylor, physiologist and engineer. This research was done at the request of the Air Force which wanted to determine the unpleasant possibilities of jet pilots being roasted alive in friction-heated cockpits. Many jet aircraft need refrigeration systems to keep the cockpits comfortable and bearable.

What would happen to the pilot if the cooling equipment failed while the jet plane was in flight? Would the pilot collapse at the controls? Would he succumb to heat prostration? Would he have to bail out in the stratosphere? Would he literally be baked alive in the cockpit? Or could he stay at the controls, enduring the terrific heat, until he was able to slow down the plane?

Dr. Taylor and his assistants made a testing furnace from a huge steel cylinder, with a fan set up to suck dry air across an outside battery of white-hot electric grids. The first human guinea-pigs remained in the hot-box until the heat passed the boiling point of water (212 degrees F.) without ill effects. Dr. Taylor himself remained in the oven for 15¼ minutes until the

heat climbed to 262 degrees F.

The conclusion?

The human body's resistance to heat is found in its own cooling system which nature has advantageously provided—perspiration and mucous secretions. It seems the moisture evaporating from the skin provides part of the body with a layer of cool air. Inside the hot-box Dr. Taylor learned that, while the heat registered at 236 degrees F., the air three-quarters of an inch from his nose was 226 degrees. The skin of the nose itself registered a safe 119.5 degrees, and air drawn into the nostrils was cooled down to 100 degrees.

Other conclusions drawn from the experiments include the fact that human beings overcome the effects of high heat by the reasoning conscious (or rational) part of the brain which apparently can produce somatic effects that safeguard the total living unit. How this actually occurs cannot, as yet, be explained by science.

The fire walkers of Raiatea, Japan, Fiji, India and Africa have no indoctrination as to the scientific principles of heat and, therefore, it is quite understandable that they look to the psychic or supernatural to explain their safe walks across fire-pits.

There is much to be said for their point of view.

Certainly, neither Dr. Taylor nor anyone else has yet explained to my satisfaction how I was able to cross the fiery pit at Raiatea without so much as blistering one of my toes.

PRODIGIOUS PENNY

IN 1924, while Merrill Booth was fishing with his father at Kelly's Pond in Middlebury, Conn., the elder Booth lost some change, including a large copper penny minted in 1793. Recently, while visiting Kelly's Pond with his wife, Merrill Booth turned up a stone in search of worms—and found the 1793 penny his father had lost 41 years before.

ALL WENT BLACK

FOR many hours, Jay Hounsell, 11, of Conway, N.H., believed he was responsible for the power blackout which struck his home town and the entire northeastern U.S.A. on November 9, 1965. With a stick he had idly picked up on his way home to supper, he gave a telephone pole a hard wack—and in the next instant all the lights were out.

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NEWS BY TELEPATHY

By William F. Castell

ON JANUARY 3, 1923, I spent my Christmas vacation from college at home in Bavaria, Germany. My father and three of us boys were invited to the estate of Baron Moritz von Frankenstein at Ullstadt, one of our neighbors, to take part in a two-day hunt. We were to stay over night at the castle, to enjoy formal dinners and other entertainment besides the hunting.

My father, Fuerst Friedrich Carl zu Castell-Castell, had to forego the first day of hunting because of a meeting in the Bavarian capital, Munich. The night before I drove him to the station and he was to join us for the second day of the hunt.

We had hunted all day and were tired from walking over the muddy fields when one of the invited guests started talking to me. I had met him at the breakfast preceding the hunt and he seemed to be a jovial fellow, then entertaining us with amusing stories. Now, however, his face was very solemn when he said: "I am so sorry that your father is so very ill. I only hope that he will recover because I always have admired him very much and his death would be a great loss to us all."

I was taken back by his remarks and I assured him that my father was quite well when I took him to the station last evening, and that he would join us in the hunt tomorrow morning. We both were somewhat embarrassed, he because he seemed to be so sure about his information and I because I simply thought the man had mistaken me for someone else. There was no time for further explanation as my name was called to take my place in the last roundup of the day.

Back at the castle we all had cleaned up and assembled in the large hall for a refreshing cup of tea when a butler informed us that an urgent call had come from our home. My mother wanted us to drive home immediately because our father was desperately ill.

When we drove into the court of

our ancient home I saw my mother crossing the entrance hall in a black dress and right then and there I was sure that my beloved father had passed away. Actually she wore a white blouse when we met her, but her face told me enough.

"It is all over!" she said in a calm voice, "Right after he addressed the meeting he collapsed and could not be revived."

Back at college in Munich several weeks later the man who had informed me about my father's illness stopped me on the street. "Do you recall what I said to you on the afternoon of the hunt? I have been wondering ever since how I received that message about your father."

Now it all came back to me. "It was 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon and the official time of my father's death was 4:00 too."

There was not much more to say, but we both knew then that there are powers and forces which are beyond our understanding.—*Seal Beach, Calif.*

MINER'S WARNING

By Velma Dorrity Cloward

IN 1928 MY HUSBAND, Rea Cloward, worked in the Chief Mine, at Eureka, Utah.

Superstition plays a great part in most miner's thinking. All miners who work deep under the ground look for warnings; for instance, they always get out quick from a tunnel which the rats are deserting. Many other warnings they receive have proved true, and many of them science can explain. But warning dreams are something else.

Rea often had laughed at some of the miners' signs, as they called them. And that is why I laughed at him when the alarm rang that morning and he said, "Shut it off and go back to sleep, Hon. I don't think I will go to work this morning."

"Sick?" I asked. It was so unusual for Rea to miss a day's work.

"No," he said, "but I had the worst dream, and it was so natural."

"For Pete's sake," I laughed. "The mines are sure getting you now."

I got up and started his breakfast. I was so sure he would go to work. He said nothing more as I fixed his lunch. No doubt he was fighting indecision too. But when my brother, with whom he rode, came by for him he told him, "I just don't know; that dream was so real: I feel I couldn't face the mine today."

"Well, I wouldn't if I felt that way," Elwood said. "It could be a warning. Have you had any trouble in that drift?"

He was a miner and he understood.

"No," Rea said. "But I dreamed I got crushed by a load of rock. I

was in the main tunnel between drift eight and nine; you know, where that sharp elbow turn is. It is pretty narrow."

Elwood said, "I'll tell Mack you are sick today."

"Perhaps you should tell him the truth," Rea said. "I'd hate to have anyone else get hurt."

"I'll tell him," he said, "but you know Mack. Warning or no warning the ore has to move."

It was about 10 o'clock that the siren began to blow, telling us all there had been an accident. Both Rea and I jumped into the car and drove to the mine as fast as we could. We were there when they brought up a crushed, bloody, dirty mass on a stretcher.

A friend of Rea's grabbed him. "Thank God, Rea, I thought it was you or Jim (Rea's partner). It was on your drift."

Jim came up from the hole then and joined us. He told us what had happened. They had loaded the car and started it up the main tunnel to the lift. Jim had gone back into the drift but the new man had walked into the main tunnel. Just above the elbow turn the car had broken loose with its load of ore and, because of the bend, the miner had not seen it coming and when he did there was no place to jump between the two drifts. He was crushed between the wall of the tunnel and the loaded car — just as Rea had seen himself crushed in his dream.—*Modesto, Calif.*

THE DAY THE WATER CAME

By H. T. Brohl

I PURPOSELY have waited for four years before recording here the dreadful several days my wife and I spent after moving into our new home in Blackwood, N.J. I have been waiting for any possible solution—there has been none!

I had been relocated to southern Jersey from northern Jersey and my family and I had chosen to move into our new home on Wednesday. The night before my wife and I and three children had slept in a local motel and on Wednesday, which was the one day that rain fell continuously in this area, we were at our new home awaiting the movers. Soon the moving men arrived and, despite the beer and other encouragements I thought would help expedite everything, the rains continued. Although we were told this was a good omen in moving into a new home, my wife could not entirely agree as she followed the movers around wiping their muddy footprints from our new wall-to-wall carpeting.

The next three days were uneventful. We got acquainted with our immediate neighbors and had one visit from curious relatives. Then on Sunday, July 30, 1961, a day most workmen, plumbers,

builders, contractors, etc., do not work, the water came (and came and came)!

Sunday morning my wife pointed out that our eight-year-old refrigerator was leaking. There was a puddle of water in front of this monster from no apparent source. This scared both of us as it would any couple who had just about given their all for a new home! But we cleaned up the water with rags and there was no further occurrence—there.

At 10:30 A.M. the same morning I walked into my bedroom to find water dripping onto the bed from the ceiling! I walked into the living room to ask my wife to look at what I just had seen—and found that she and her mother were gazing intently at the living room ceiling, from the middle of which water was dropping into a puddle on the new carpeting!

Little can be said to my credit in the hours that followed, except that I had the presence of mind to call for the contractor, Theodore Ehren Krantz, who had built the house. He was at a party, but after stressing the importance of reaching him I was given another phone number and, after I explained the situation to him, he said he would come over as soon as he could. In the meantime, he placed a call for the plumbers who had installed our hot water heating system.

During my phoning my wife and mother-in-law ran about placing pots and pans under the dripping water. We all assumed that, since we had had a special hot water heating system installed, there were pipes in the walls and ceilings and that these were leaking.

Sherry was the only one of our three children at home with us that day and we noticed that she did not seem quite herself from the time we discovered the water in front of the refrigerator. Her face appeared almost adult in its wisdom, despite her 10 years, and her movements seemed to be made in a dream-like state, as though she were obeying instructions to move about from a voice we could not hear. We were so busy that all we could do was take notice of Sherry's condition without questioning it.

We all now were involved in walking from room to room, upstairs and downstairs, to see where the next water would come from. While I was downstairs looking at water dripping from the ceiling onto our new recreation room floor, my wife called and I ran upstairs to find water coming from one of the living room walls about three feet above the baseboard. Sherry then called us from the bedroom she shared with her sister to point out water that was dripping from the ceiling onto the bed!

By now my wife and I were close to hysteria, imagining that our new home would soon turn into one giant puddle and wash away down the street.

At about 2:00 in the afternoon two plumbers finally arrived. During the time we had waited for them new places started to drip water and old places stopped, sometimes starting up again later. But we did not have to explain much to the plumbers because the water continued to appear suddenly in the ceiling of one room, out of the wall of another or even in the same room. For over an hour the plumbers checked the heating unit, at one time firing it up to the point where the pipes would have exploded from the pressure had there been any defects in them. These two plumbers had installed our heating system and they assured us that where the water was coming from—the ceilings and walls—there were no pipes with water. They were at a loss to explain the continuing flow of the water, which appeared to be clean and without odor.

Soon the builder arrived and shortly after him another plumber came—and the water continued to come!

There was nothing any of us could do except wander from room to room watching for the next rivulet. By 5:00 P.M. there were no further appearances of water and *there was no evidence at any of the 50 or more places where the water had been that water had been there!* We discussed this unusual circumstance long into the evening, but no answers were found and eventually builder and plumbers went home and we went to bed.

To date there has been no recurrence of those horrible hours when the water came. I can only guess that, in some way, Sherry was a kind of catalyst through which the impossible came into existence. Perhaps at the present state of our knowledge there is no further answer. Since that one day Sherry is as completely normal as any pretty (now) 14-year-old.—*Blackwood, N. J.*

FIRST ASTRAL FLIGHT

By Margaret O. Richardson

JANUARY 23, 1965, was a stormy day, with gale force winds in Daly City. Perhaps the weather had an unsettling influence on me, but when I got to bed that night I had a waking vision that made me feel ill.

I was pulled out of my body by an uncontrollable force and I saw myself walking down a peaceful street, seemingly of a small town. I walked toward a white, round sign mounted on a post that said RR in big black letters. It all looked familiar, yet it was like looking at a known world through alien eyes. I

felt temporarily suspended between a dream and reality and was not sure whether I had stepped backward or forward in time.

But my physical being could not accept what was happening and fought to pull me back. I came back with indescribable force and felt a sharp stab of unbearable pain shoot through me; it froze my mind and body for moments. Terror struck at my heart. I realized that I had been in a trance, with open eyes, in which, all strength drained out of my body, I was compelled to drift.

In the days that followed I re-experienced this dissolution of mind and body a number of times, but afterwards was unable to recall the visions I saw as I did the first time. From these experiences I have concluded that my mind and spirit are prisoners of my body, limited to one dimension, that there exist freer realities of space, time and matter that transcend life and even death.

I did not realize that what I experienced is called astral projection until a friend, Lulie Nall, who is interested in these matters, recently recommended some books for me to read on the subject.

When the unknown becomes more familiar we lose some of our fear of it. So, when I took an unexpected trip to Santa Cruz on September 3, 1965, with my nine-year-old son and 78-year-old stepfather I retained my equanimity when I recognized the peaceful street of my vision. We came upon it between Second and Third Streets, near the beach. It was exactly as I had seen it, including the RR sign.

The following day before boarding the Greyhound bus for our return to San Francisco we walked through the main shopping area. As we approached the Woolworth store we saw that we just had missed being in range of a terrible accident. An elderly woman had lost control of her car; it had gone through the store window, taking a bench with a woman sitter along into the wreckage. Perhaps this is what I would have seen in my vision had I permitted that vision to continue. However, we were spared in this horrible incident regardless of the incompleteness of my vision.

I have lost some of my fear but still I do not wish to undergo any more astral projections. I do not feel mentally equipped for this power that overtakes me.—*Daly City, Calif.*

Perspiration was running down my neck, arms, belly, forehead; my heart beat so hard I wasn't sure I heard right! But, in a puzzling way, old Femka was predicting my . . .



Escape:

A FORTUNETELLER SUCCESSFULLY GUIDED MY FLIGHT FROM THE COMMUNISTS

By Ava Brownley

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, was a difficult place to be a non-Communist in in 1947, especially if you were barely of voting age. Persons over 50 were not bothered; they were considered too old for re-education; but the 15 to 25 age group was marrow for their political soup.

In 1947 I was married and my husband, Mirko, was doing his internship at the University Clinic and "they" were after him day and night. He was half-heartedly ready to be convinced, especially when he looked at the MD-carrot dangling in front of his nose. But what good was a future Party member with a non-cooperative wife? Between the bullying at my office and the persuading at home there was hardly a

moment left for me to think or gather strength to say *no*.

I worked as a secretary at the Ministry of Industry from 6:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Most persons then dashed to second jobs, meetings, committees. That year on Good Friday, ignored by Party orders, of course, Mirko had evening duty at the hospital and I looked forward to the bliss of a few hours alone. I thought maybe I would walk through the lovely rain outside. It was 1:50 P.M., with only 10 minutes to go when Sonya Petrovich strutted over to my desk.

Lord, what have I done? I thought. She never had spoken to me before. I remember thinking it was odd she knew my name.

Sonya was Assistant to the Manager but, more important, she was Secretary of the Party-Cell! When she knit her lovely, thick, black brows, hearts didn't bother skipping beats—they just stopped.

"Would you do me a personal favor and go for a little visit with me?" she asked. "Your husband is on duty this afternoon, I understand, so you have a few hours' time."

How could I refuse? What did she really want? Was this my end? My mind raced.

Half an hour later we were bouncing on the worn leather seat of a taxi, in a part of the city I never had visited before. The car rattled and hiccuped over the big, rough stones of Belgrade's hilly streets. It gave an excuse for shaking and looking green. Not that it fooled her. I sat looking through the dusty window. A strange, vaguely familiar odor came from her fat purse. My God, it couldn't be coffee! Not in Yugoslavia, in 1947. I sat and inhaled the miracle.

After a long silence Sonya spoke up in very clipped tones. "Do not worry. Nothing will happen to you. This is an experiment. I have studied your personnel file and chosen you carefully. You cannot betray or denounce me. If you ever breathe a word of this to anyone you never will see your mother again. Your marriage is on the rocks; your husband won't believe you anyway."

Taking another drag on her cigarette, she continued, "And you were the best stenographer I could get.

"The driver is half-deaf and worried about losing his license. And the partition is closed so he cannot hear a sound. May I tell you the entire line of duty?"

I nodded and she said, "We are going to a fortuneteller."

Fortunetelling was punishable by jail: for the ones who told it, for the ones who paid for it, and for the ones who knew about it and failed to report it to the police instantly. Sonya was letting her words sink in. Pillar of the Party Cell, indeed!

"We are going to Mrs. Femka. Don't lie to me! You know very well *who* Femka is. She is under surveillance all the time. Except now. My boy friend is a Colonel in the Secret Service and is having a vodka with the officer on duty for the next few hours."

Sonya, I learned, had a problem; partly it was a result of her prominence in the Communist Party and partly it was an age-old problem the world over. She was taking me as a control: if Femka's prophecy rang true for me then it might be trusted in her case, too. I was the guinea pig. *And she was taking two kilograms of coffee to pay with!* Two kilograms equals between four and five pounds. To what can I compare this? At that time? It was like offering a man on the Sahara, who hasn't seen drink for a week, two gallons of water! Or like offering a dope addict a pound of pure heroin! I think you could have purchased a nunnery for less.

Nobody in the upper echelons of the Communist Party was allowed to get married without special permission. Sonya's boy friend had applied for permission a year ago but he was being trained for a difficult diplomatic job abroad and had been denied permission to marry, for the time being. Sonya was eight weeks pregnant and they loved each other. They were so desperate they were giving serious thought to the Capulet-Montague solution. Tito was Tito and the Party was the Party but her father would shoot them both!

Sonya had checked carefully and discovered that I was the worst risk in the company; my father had escaped the country illegally; my aunt was in jail; my uncle had been shot for anti-Communist activity; 17 members of my family had been killed in the war; my marriage was not worth speaking of—my husband was about to be admitted to the Candidacy of the Party any day and was considering divorce. My word in the People's Court, against Sonya's and her Colonel's, would be laughed at!

We came to a market place on a hill. The noise and smell swallowed us. Peasants were wrapping up unsold geese, fish, and goat cheese. Scales glittered; chickens hung by their necks, reminding me of all who tried to escape and didn't make it. Butchers were folding bloody aprons. Hungry people, without money to buy anything, stood around feasting their eyes. The peasants were departing calmly: tomorrow was another day; if a child got sick a Serbian mother would sell her only shoes for a chicken.

We got out of the taxi and walked down a steep hill to a little house. There we followed a path through the garden to a basement entrance. Sonya wasted no words.

She unwrapped the two kilos of coffee, opened the bag and let the divine smell engulf Femka and me. We three women stood eyeing each other over the coffee—20, 30, and 80 years old respectively.

Femka bade me sit down and, with her hand, motioned Sonya to accompany her into the next room. I spent about an hour in that basement waiting my turn, listening to faint sobs, murmurs and smelling the heavenly coffee from Femka's room.

Femka must have been four feet, eight inches tall when she was young. Now, like a ripe prune, she had shrivelled and she looked like the Serbian national drink, Shlyivovitsa, transparent and innocent. But try Shlyivovitsa—it hits like lightning! And the stories I had heard indicated Femka was the same. I sat on her low bench and thought of all the things I knew about her.

The Germans had defeated the Yugoslav army in April, 1941. Femka was arrested immediately. It wasn't safe to have her loose; she spelled trouble. Nobody in the Gestapo dared to shoot her, though. So she rotted in the Kralya Milana Street jail for four years, until the Police Chief decided to get rid of her shortly before the end of the war. He told her this was the end, but Femka made him a 24-hour proposition. She asked for a cup of coffee and a chance to tell his fortune—the last one she would ever tell. The German Police Chief was only human; he agreed.

He produced the cup of coffee—after all, he was head of the Gestapo—and Femka said only two sentences. His adored younger brother would die that night. And the Police Chief better get out of Belgrade fast because Tito was planning worse things for him than just one death. They sat through the night and in the morning a cable came, confirming his brother's fate. The German let Femka go home and he left Belgrade shortly afterwards. (The Partisans brought him back six months later and executed him, but that is another matter.) No word of this was ever printed but all of Yugoslavia knew it within a few days. It was whispered on the wind.

After the Liberation from the Germans all Serbia flocked to Femka. They wanted to know who was still alive? Who was in the Forest? Who was in the PW camps? who would come home? and when? who would never return? and why? But then talk slowly turned to those *who would be arrested next*—by the Communists! And, after two years, Femka was back in the Kralya Milana Street jail. The Presidium of the Communist Party publicly outlawed fortunetelling, making it punishable by loss of all properties,

forced labor or worse. All Belgrade knew that Femka was watched constantly. She knew it best, of course, for she knew everything best, and before it happened.

Eventually Sonya emerged from the other room. She said to me, stuttering, "I haven't prayed since I was a child, but I am praying for you now. Hold onto that pencil and take shorthand as long as you are able." Then she smiled through a curtain of tears, "Femka says we will get permission next week and my sons will be big and strong."

I went in. Femka was just a shrunken little woman, smelling of dirt and stale lavender. The thyme from her Icon further spiced the air. She poured some of her coffee from the Turkish pot into a cup and offered it to me, whispering in a shaky, unmelodious soprano. I prepared the pad and pencil and thoroughly enjoyed the coffee—the first cup in many months. It was wonderful coffee, the kind brewed by Serbians since the Ottoman Empire brought coffee to Belgrade, 500 years ago—thick and bitter, about a third of it solid grind.

When only a few drops were left Femka fluttered over like a dove and whisked the cup out of my hand. She made three circular motions with the cup, at great speed, and then put it on a white saucer, upside down. While the coffee was draining, forming patterns on the sides and bottom of the cup, she started to pray. She spoke to the Lord Father first: "*Otche nash, Izhe yesi na nebesi*" . . . then to the Virgin Maria, and to her son Isus Christos, and then to the whole Littany of Greek Orthodox Saints —St. Luka, St. Stefan, St. Nikola, St. Dimitry, St. George, St. Basil, St. Cyril, St. Method, St. Iovan. Femka made signs of the cross over the cup and my head, faster and faster. This preliminary must have lasted a good 10 minutes.

I was taking notes, leisurely. I had a little heart drawn on my pad after St. Nikola, a little club after St. Dzurazh, a little rabbit was half finished when Femka's voice dropped a couple of octaves and a clear, strong, young vibrant male sound came from her throat.

"Thanks for the flowers you put on my grave last Sunday, my little bear. You very seldom come to the cemetery since you got married. I suppose Mirko doesn't approve."

I am not quite sure what all I dropped, my purse, pencil, pad, gloves . . . For this was the voice of my late fiance, killed in the war, whose grave I had visited the previous Sunday on an impulse, without telling anyone. And I had taken a little bunch of lilies-of-the-valley, the first of the year.

When I recovered a little composure I collected my things from the floor and hastily resumed note-

taking on the pad. Femka now stood in the middle of the room, facing the Icon. Her eyes were almost closed as she gazed into the cup. She spoke again in her own wobbly voice, but somehow she seemed to speak from some world away and above. Whether this was hypnosis, religious hysteria, or just madness, I still do not know!

"For such a young woman as you are it is frightening how packed the doors of death are with your people. They all wave; they all want to speak to you, to hear from you. Whom do you want to talk to first?" Femka asked.

Perspiration was running down my neck, arms, belly, forehead. My heart beat so hard I wasn't sure I heard her right! I was still attempting to write, holding the pad with one shaky arm, steadying my right hand, trying.

"I would like to speak to Grandfather, please," I managed to say.

The little prune seemed to grow and grow and grow. When she passed the six-foot mark she furrowed her stern forehead and *boomed.* From some cellar of her body a basso profundo emerged, with that clearing of the throat Grandpa did. "Well, my little idiot, ufufufuuum, as I was just saying to your grandmother, will the stupid situations and emotional contortions you always get into never stop? But you never listened to your grandfather, did you? This whole business of getting married so young! How often did we tell you not to run so fast? But you always think you'll be late—late for everything; late for wearing silk stockings, for cutting those nice long braids, for nitwit Mickey Rooney movies, for breaking your neck ice-skating! And now, was it late for getting married first in your class? What are you late for right now? It is always 'darling Opapa, could you kindly get me out of this mess' isn't it? What should grandfather get you out of now, silly calf?"

I was screaming by then, screaming at the top of my voice, forgetting where I was, forgetting to take notes, forgetting everything, half-crazed with the presence of Grandfather killed three years earlier. My heart, my brain, my ears, my soul knew that booming voice, the words, the mannerisms, the vocabulary, the everlasting scolding and discipline, the poorly hidden love.

"Opapa, don't go away! Opapa, listen to me! Opapa, please!" I cried. "Just once more, darling Opapa, just tell me what to do now. Please help. I'll do whatever you say, My Opapa; I truly don't know *what* to do, where to go, or how." I was lying across Femka's tablecloth, pulling at the filthy tassels in despair, trying to touch him!

"They are driving me crazy,

Opapa. They take me to jail in the evening and release me at dawn in time to wash my face and go to work. Everybody is after me; Mirko, too. I hate them all, everything they stand for, all they believe in. Only Mama keeps saying Communism is not for us; we are not riff-raff; we are better than they are. This wasn't worth all of you being killed for!"

"Opapa," he was mimicking me now, "my darlingest Opapa, get me out of this, get me out of that." He harumphed again. "How old are you? Won't the time ever come when you are able to stand on your own feet and not walk smack into trouble? At seven you beat up children of 14. Pick your own size and stop fighting windmills, you stupid little ass. And, as long as I am having my say, what is this big idea with the starvation business again? There is no food. So, there is no food! Stop being such a fuss-pot and so picky; start eating the slop the other swine are eating in these public feeding places. Your grandmother just isn't around any more to cook decent food for you, so eat whatever they do. Are you looking for tuberculosis, like the Commies have?"

I collapsed on the table as if a mountain crushed my chest. Then Femka slowly shrank back to her normal size. Her ugly face started to glow; the old witch turned on an angelic smile. Her dirty-brown eyes slowly changed to *violet* and they laughed at me. The sweetest Bells of Lakme sounded from her throat; the softest velvet since Galli Curci, her voice tinkled and caressed. The room suddenly looked clean and smelled of faint perfume and flowers.

"Will you leave my baby alone, Grandfather? You always have to yell at her until she cries. Presumably you are proud of yourself right now, having told her off. She politely asked you for advice, begged for your help. And what do you do? You shout, as usual. The child doesn't have time. Will you let me talk to her a little, please?"

I felt Grandma in my bones. I saw her, smelled her, heard her swooshy silk petticoats and that lovely, lovely voice.

"First of all, my sweet child, go and tell your mama to stop ruining her eyes. Nobody can sew day and night. And don't worry about Mirko and his arguing. You don't have much longer to fight, for he will give you a divorce. You have finished putting him through medical school and now you keep him from promotions by refusing to join the Party. As soon as your aunt, Theodora, is out of jail the three of you girls will get out of the country. It will not be much longer, so stop crying. Just tell Mama to watch herself. And stick together, for

there is nobody else left of the family."

"Where can we go, Omama," I cried. "We cannot get passports; we have no money left, no houses, no jewelry, nothing. They took it all. How can we get out?"

"I cannot tell you, my little star, it is all rather puzzling. There seems to be a new place—it isn't there yet, somehow—maybe it is a new country? This is just brewing now and you will only be there a short time anyhow. You will continue much further. But the main thing is, you will get out of here. What we wonder, Grandfather and I, is—with all the education we poured into the girls, and they into you, how is it you all will be completely illiterate? You won't even be able to sign your names. This is difficult to comprehend, but do not worry about it."

The other details of the session with Femka are dim now. Almost 19 years have passed since then. Femka spoke in the individual voices of all my dead cousins, aunts, uncles, friends, teachers, neighbors. Sometimes I scribbled in my lap, but mostly I just sat there and held my side or my throat trying to quiet the pumping of my heart. Femka introduced them all by their names, rather formally. She would say, "Here is Tosha, or Yevrem, or Yosip, or Ruzha, or your Uncle Mikhailo, or your girl friend, Danica." They assured me of their friendship, love, faith and remembrance. They all sent messages to Mama and Aunt Theodora. They all commented on daily happenings around me. They all promised a good man, a nice home, a wonderful happy country—far, far away.

It must have lasted an hour. I lost all track of time. When it was over Femka helped me to the door. She told Sonya how sad it was, that one so young should have buried so many, but also how gratifying that so many people loved me. The Danube River flowed out of my eyes. Sonya had calmed down but I was shaking and sobbing.

Sonya told Femka she would come back next week, if all came true, and bring her more coffee. But Femka only smiled.

"I don't think I shall be around then, my dear. Friends are calling me steadily now. It doesn't seem decent to live so much past 80 when all these youngsters are killed and tortured. I do not enjoy life anymore and I do not want to stay in the world."

The rain had stopped. We staggered out of Femka's basement like drunkards. Sonya wanted the notebook. There were three pages of proper shorthand, then it zigzagged up and down, turning into frantic little half-signs, record of my unsuccessful efforts to keep my promise to Sonya.

I couldn't quite breathe. Sonya took me home. Mirko was stunned. They wrapped me in blankets and he took me 45 miles away, to Novi Sad, to Mother, who put me to bed. I whimpered all the way there on the train, but no one took any notice; Yugoslavia was full of prisoners of war, camp inmates, invalids. People had fits and breakdowns in the streets, the theatres, the shops; it was not unusual. Mirko thanked them for offering to help and explained he was a physician himself. At the station he hailed a horse and carriage. The old driver smiled at me in recognition and wondered aloud to his horse, "Whatever happened to Mr. U's little girl?" Every horse-and-buggy driver in Novi Sad had known Grandpa.

My resignation was mailed to Sonya and I never went back either to Mirko or to the job in Belgrade. The next year the divorce came through and Aunt Theodora was released from jail.

Mirko married a nice, upright Party member and is now head of a big hospital in Yugoslavia.

Grandmother's puzzle, as stated through Femka, solved itself in the spring of 1949 with the formation of the State of Israel. Mama, Theodora and I left on a cattle-ship, with about 6000 other people. We had to resign Yugoslavia citizenship and renounce all property. We could take $10 apiece out of the country. And upon our arrival in Israel we were illiterates—even those of us who spoke half-a-dozen languages. We couldn't sign our names in Hebrew or in Arabic. And then we proceeded to the United States of America and had to perfect our English!

Sonya and her Colonel have been married for many years and they have three sons.

Femka, of course, died the week after we saw her, as she had said she would.

I haven't been to a fortuneteller since, but I dream of my grandparents often.

A funny thing has happened, though. I have a new profession because I haven't been able to write a bit of shorthand since Good Friday, 1947. Memory plays odd tricks.



Fingers of Fate

By Harold Helfer

For 20 years Mrs. Garvey Layton of Douglasville, Ga., silently prayed that one day she again would be able to talk. A stroke had left her speechless. The other day she suffered another stroke—and her voice returned.

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A few hours after he had made the rounds of his neighborhood soliciting contributions to the heart fund Franklin Ransdell, of Harrodsburg, Ky., died of a heart attack.

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Two gunmen robbing a San Francisco bank were caught because a teller telephoned in to report she was sick. The robbers were looting the vault of $27,312 when Miss Joy Swanson called the bank to say she would not be in for work. She was told in a whisper, "Robbery! Call police!" She did and when the bandits left the bank police seized them.

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Jimmy Huey and Mike Story were born the same day six years ago in a Nashville, Tenn., hospital. The other day they went wading together in a lake and both were drowned.

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As Officer Dodd Chairs, Jr., of Baltimore, was patrolling his beat a man shot at him. The policeman escaped without a scratch when the bullet struck the shield on his officer's cap and deflected.

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Marriage saved the life of Mrs. Edith Suter of Howe, England. A copperhead snake struck her on the hand. But she was uninjured because the snake's fangs struck her wedding ring.

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Mr. and Mrs. Berkeley Satterwhite, of Chilesburg, Va., have three children. All were born on May 30—but in different years. May 30 is Mr. Satterwhite's birthday, also.

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Badge No. 13 has been retired from the Muskegon, Mich., police department and Officer Donald Bedwell has a new number. While wearing No. 13 he was beaten by a gang of teen-agers, injured in an auto accident, and suffered a sprained ankle falling on the ice.

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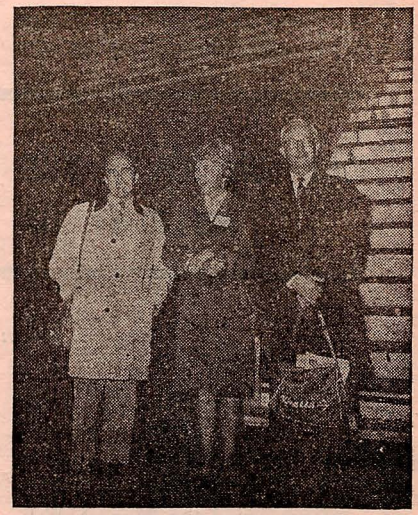
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Science has cataloged the effect of the force called gravity, but its effort to explain why it works have all been failures.

CAN WE SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF GRAVITY?

By Gordon H. Evans

"The force of the stars presses down terrestrial objects that strive to move towards the sky . . . Pliny

THE THEORY of gravity is in trouble and has been in trouble for many years. Over 200 years ago Newton described the operation of gravity in his two celebrated laws but he made no attempt to explain what gravity is. In our century Einstein reformulated the laws of gravity in a much more complex form.

In recent years, however, all explanations of gravity—in contrast to its description—have foundered. There are few questions in science which have proved so resistant to a deeper understanding of its causes. We know the way gravity works, but we have no accepted idea of why it works.

Physicists have been unable to tie gravity into the larger body of physical knowledge. Advance after advance has been made in understanding matter. We know a good deal about the atom, its electrons, protons, and subatomic particles. Similarly, the laws of energy have been elucidated by quantum physics. Electricity and magnetism have been better and better understood. Yet, for all these interrelated discoveries, gravity has remained an enigma, as one physicist has put it, almost a mystery.

Why is gravity such a seemingly unreducible and unrelatable phenomenon?

It is wise to note one thing about the manner in which studies of gravity are now conducted. They have become very complex. Students of gravity, whether mathematicians or physicists, seem to accept Sir Arthur Eddington's belief that, if the equations are only made intricate enough, everything will come out right. But one wonders. Things

have not come out right so far.

There is a parallel between the state of gravitational theory today and the state of planetary theory at the time of Copernicus. The movements of the planets disclosed grave problems with the Ptolemaic scheme. In order to reconcile them with an earth-centered Solar System an extremely complex scheme of epicycles had been introduced. But while the epicycles could save Ptolemaic astronomy in a technical sense they were unsatisfactory in other terms. Their extreme complexity violated the presumption that scientific laws are essentially simple.

A sun-centered Solar System for a terrestrially-centered one cured 16th Century astronomy of one of its great problems. Yet few in that day were able to grasp such a simple solution. Is there an equally simple solution to the question of gravity—something obvious, yet unnoticed?

If there is, it is a safe guess that someone in the history of science has thought of it. In fact, it even may once have been a popular theory, which was discarded for what seemed at the time to be very good reasons.

To draw a parallel between gravity today and the model of the Solar System in the 16th Century, the Copernican theory was by no means new. It had been thought of in the past by at least two Greeks.

For a solution to the gravity question I propose that we look back into the history of ideas about gravity. In the ragbag of the forgotten what can be found? Perhaps the reasons for discarding one of these ideas are no longer valid.

Here is one: gravity is not an analogy to an electromagnetic field, or a non-Euclidian geometry, but rather the result of an unknown radiation.

It is not an attraction or pull, but a repulsion or push. In other words, you, I, everyone and everything are not being *pulled* down, but we rather are being *pushed* down by gravity.

How might this push arise?

In the last century, and even before, people speculated that matter might produce an undiscovered form of radiation capable of exercising a force upon matter. The analogy of radiation pressure in the known electromagnetic spectrum existed. The tails of comets point away from the sun because of the pressure of light (and the solar wind) upon their particles. Radiation pressure has been well demonstrated, as any high school student familiar with Crookes' radiometer knows.

Thus, a radiation pressure model of gravity was built up in these terms. First, it was suggested matter produces waves or radiation which once were called ultra par-

ticles and today sometimes are known as gravitons. These gravitons are produced throughout the universe in large numbers. Space is filled with them and they move in all directions. When they strike matter they exercise a force upon it and also are absorbed by it. Everything in the world is constantly hit on all sides by gravitons.

But if there is an object in space it will screen, or filter or reduce the potential of the gravitons passing through it. Thus with pressure reduced on facing sides two masses will move toward each other; the graviton pressure orginating in each mass is presumably less than the pressure arising from the universe.

Newton's formula for gravity perhaps can be reconciled with just such a "gravity push" idea as this. The first law is that "attraction" is proportional to mass; if we assume that the gravitons in the universe are absorbed by mass the attraction of one object for another at a given distance will vary directly with its mass.

Again, if we take a mass in space to a greater distance the portion of the celestial sphere it covers will be reduced by the inverse square of its receding diameter, and thus by the square of the distance between it and the "attracted" object. Newton's second law seems fulfilled.

But in the push model the inverse square law will break down as objects approach close to each other. As more and more of the celestial sphere is screened the vectors produced by the unscreened gravitons coming over the objects' edges will be reduced by the higher angles of incidence. Thus, we should expect a breakdown of the Newtonian formula in close proximity to large masses. Such is indeed noticed with the behavior of Mercury, an anomaly relativity seeks to explain.

Why has this push theory fallen into such disfavor? It is accepted today by no one but crackpots. The reason is that the ignorant do not know the difficulties with the radiation pressure model, and the specialists have not realized that these seem greater than they may be.

The first problem is the apparently instantaneous effect of gravity. If gravity is a form of radiation it travels at a finite speed. If so, effects would be noticed. For example, the orbits of the satellites of Jupiter should appear different than they are. It was calculated by Laplace that gravitational radiation must travel a million times the speed of light in order for delayed effects not to be noticed within the Solar System. Such a speed is ruled out by contemporary physicists.

The second difficulty with the push model is that there does not seem to be enough of the visible

universe to produce universal gravitation. Where do all the gravitons needed to cause its massive effects come from? If you look at the stars you see them scattered against the black sky. If they emit weak gravitational radiation how can it produce such great effects in view of the dim visible light which reaches us from them?

Now, if we disregard the first difficulty, the second difficulty is solved.

If we take a bold step and assume that gravitational radiation does travel at more than a million times the speed of light, the second problem is solved. *The gravitons reaching the Solar System are reaching us from far greater distances than the edge of the observable universe.* If we could put on a pair of gravitational glasses which would show us the invisible gravitons, the entire celestial sphere would seem to glow with brilliant radiation. To put it another way, if gravitational radiation travels at a high multiple of the optic velocity it will reach the Solar System in vast quantities, from regions of the universe far beyond our sight.

It is interesting to note that at this point the radiation pressure model offers a great bonus in terms of modern cosmology. It accounts for the expansion of the universe. The emission of gravitons by matter and their pressure against matter may be constantly pushing the universe outward. Thus, the red shift and the recession of the galaxies is explained. Einstein, with his "cosmological constant", was groping toward just this idea.

Why should the universe of gravity be larger than the universe of light? Think of it this way: as the galaxies recede faster and faster they reach a speed equal to, and then faster than the speed of light. How this is possible in relativity is another question. Once a galaxy reaches the optic velocity it completely "blacks out"! Thus, the more distant and speedier galaxies are invisible to our eyes. However, if these same galaxies are emitting very fast undiscovered radiation they might recede at many times the speed of light and it would not "black out" but still would arrive in our part of the universe.

A key change of assumption—as the reader has noticed—is that the speed of light may be exceeded. There are grounds for thinking this is impossible, but one wonders if they are final grounds. Considering the stakes it might be well to examine the speed of light as an ultimate and see if it is beyond all doubt.

There is a semiconscious idea of numerical reasonableness in science at any point in time. Speeds which are multiples of light's speed seem unreasonable. Going back to our

Copernican analogy, unreasonable distance was, in the 16th Century, a serious objection to the heliocentric theory. If, Copernicus' critics argued, the earth moved around the sun the fixed stars should show a parallax. The fact that they did not could mean only that the heliocentric view was wrong—or fixed stars were at an enormous distance from the Solar System. We know today that the latter is indeed the case, that parallaxes do occur, but are too small to have been detected by the instruments of that day. The unreasonableness of the distances involved, billions upon billions of miles, struck many 16th Century minds as conclusive, just as speeds greater than that of light may strike our 20th Century mind as unreasonable. This unconscious notion of quantitative propriety may inhibit examination of ultimate givens.

Is there any way in which the radiation pressure, the push theory of gravity, may be tested.

I suggest a two-point program. First, a mathematician might try to analyze the behavior of gravity with a radiation pressure model. For example, can a radiation model produce the effects of the perihelion of Mercury which have been observed?

Second, the possibility of experimental verification has been raised by studies of the effect of an electric field on the gravitational constant. One quoted in an earlier issue of this magazine indicated that an electrified pendulum, held in an electrified cage, speeded up, thus indicating a weakening of the constant.* The finding may be revolutionary. It may mean that screening of gravity is possible, if not in mechanical terms, at least in electromagnetic terms.

Determining whether gravity is a push or pull by screening with matter (mass) probably is impossible, since the same effects can be accounted for by other hypotheses. For instance, an object under a mountain will be lighter than an object at the same distance from the center of the earth but on its surface. It can be reasoned that the mountain is attracting the object and thus lightening it, or that the mountain is screening out the gravitons from the rest of the universe with the same result—it is lightened.

However, if magnetic screening does exist it is possible to position the charge about the test object in such a way as to indicate the direction of the gravitational effects. What if the distribution of the charge is between the object and the earth and a gain in weight occurs; what if the object is between the

* I believe that some clarification of this is to be found in my letters published in Report From The Readers, in the September 1965 FATE.

charge and the earth and a decline in weight occurs? This would be persuasive evidence—though not conclusive proof—that gravity operates by repulsion rather than by attraction—by push, not by pull.

MIND POWER IN "BLEEDING" DISEASES

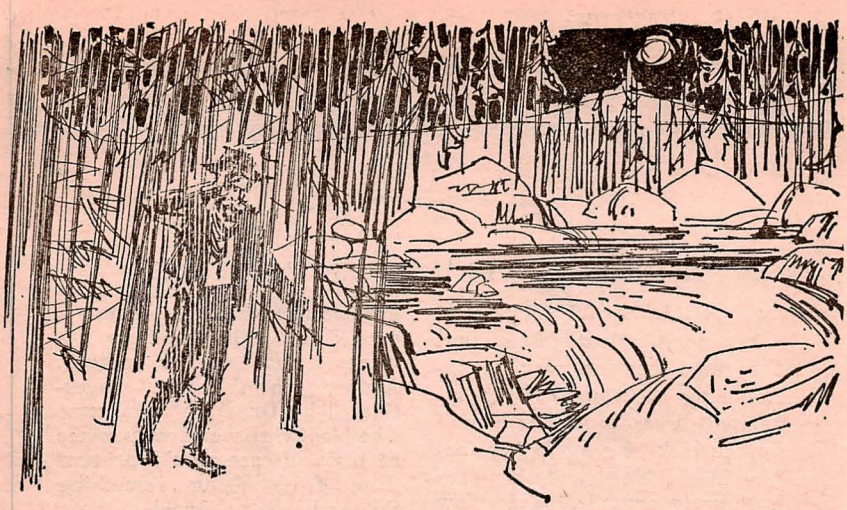
A PREVAILING belief among scientists is that the mind has no way of influencing the course of an inherited disease which is caused by the lack of coagulating factors in the blood and therefore is "purely organic." This view recently was challenged by Dr. David Agle, who has made an intensive study of "bleeders" at Western Reserve University, Cleveland. In a report to the American Medical Association he presented the theory that some unknown mechanism connecting the mind with the physical functioning of the body could be superimposed on the organic defect of blood chemistry.

Dr. Agle told how he had studied the present and past lives of 16 victims of hemophilia and Christmas disease. Psychosomatics, he stated, seemed to influence their illnesses in one way or another. Among the "bleeders" investigated by Dr. Agle were some who bled whenever a recurrence of their disease would prevent them from doing something they wished to avoid.

On the other hand, there were men who, after childhoods as over-protected hemophiliacs, engaged in dangerous pursuits such as motorcycle racing. Even trivial injuries can be fatal to a "bleeder," Dr. Agle pointed out—but these daredevils survived bruising accidents. They seemed able to overcome their handicap because they had "a sense of well-being." When the same men suffered cuts or bruises while in a despondent or frustrated mood, the bleeding was severe.

DUPLICATE DRESSES

DUDING the 1965 Miss America Contest, Sandra Curtis, Kippy Brinkman, Mary Lou Butler and Eileen Smith, representing Oklahoma, Washington, Texas and Indiana, found they were wearing identical dresses. Each had bought her dress in her home town before traveling to Atlantic City.



That's What Happened to RUDOLF SHIPP

A ghostly figure moved like fog in the moonlight; but it spoke distinctly. That's how I knew what had happened.

By Ed Barney

SINCE MY early youth I have traveled over the country, working in mining camps, cooking in resort hotels and on cattle ranches. During my long life I have been through the western harvest fields of the United States and Canada, working on railroad construction jobs, for newspapers and for mail-order concerns.

I have found that wherever men gather, in hotel lobbies, western bunkhouses or around campfires, adventures of a mysterious nature are sure to be related. As to the cause behind these experiences which baffle natural explanation, the narrator usually finishes his tale by shrugging his shoulders in voiceless puzzlement or attributing the incident to some unseen avatar, ghost, spirit or heavenly messenger.

I myself always felt that these queer events that others attributed to the supernatural could be explained naturally. However, in my travels these past 50-odd years there is one incident I have been unable to resolve into a natural occurrence.

In 1912 I shipped out of St. Paul, Minn., to work on a railroad construction job in British Columbia, where the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad was extending its line from Edmonton, Alberta, through the Canadian Rockies, to Prince Rupert, B.C., on the north Pacific Coast.

At Tete Jaune Cache, B.C., which at the time was as far as the steel was laid, we were put on scows and sent on down the Fraser River. Men were selected from these scows at different camps along the banks to work at whatever job they were sent to do. Then the scows moved on, drifting with the current. When completely empty of men and material the scows were beached and broken up for firewood. These scows were built along the river by moving sawmills with their timbermen, carpenters and river pilots who guided the scows. These crews followed the laying of the steel, or the completion of the right-of-way to its farthest point.

Cattle were brought in from the Canadian prairies, in cattle cars, to the end of the steel, then driven down the right-of-way and knocked off at camps along the way. We'd hear the cattle drove crashing through the forest to the tune of the shouts and cracking whips of the cowhands.

I had signed up as a cook and was put off at Mile 81, in the Caribou district in east-central British Columbia. Others went on down the river through a narrow, boiling canyon, and on and on into Fort George, half-way station to the coast.

Sometimes these camps were crowded, other times they were short-handed. It was the middle of August when I arrived in camp and at night I often took my blankets and plenty of mosquito netting and went off into the timber. There I slept on a pile of pine boughs.

One night in the forest I did not fall asleep right away and for a time I lay listening to the usual nocturnal noises of the forest at night, to the buzzing of the insects. Finally I sat up against a tree. It was restful and the forest gradually seemed to quiet down. The odor of pine rosins and other pungent vegetation enveloped me and eventually the moon appeared from behind a mountain top, snow-capped even in August. The shadowy, mellow light sifted through the tree branches giving a spectral aspect to the night. Below, on the river, the silence was interrupted by the occasional tail-slap of a salmon on the surface of the water. The

shadows in the forest seemed to waver as the moon appeared to draw closer to the towering pine and spruce trees.

In this atmosphere my mind soon became too stimulated for sleep. Listening, meditating, I seemed to hear a mumbling human voice, muffled somehow, like conversation heard from another room.

I had heard that panthers, cougars, or mountain lions, different names for the same species I understand, often simulate the wail of a human voice; and I'd been told there were plenty of big cats in these mountains.

Paying close attention to the sounds, I soon detected what sounded like a human voice in an angry, scolding soliloquy, like someone rehearsing a part in a play in a large studio at a distance.

Shortly the voice became more distinct and drifted closer to me. As my eyes searched the aisles of the forest I saw a dim, moving figure in the hazy light, in a clearing near the river. This webby vision moved like a wisp of fog, yet the air was clear in moonlight and not very cold. A voice with an echo-like quality now seemed to speak quite distinctly in an English Cockney accent.

I got up and walked toward the river as the apparation, or whatever it was, vanished. At the river bank I heard the voice again but I could see nothing. Then from in back of me, from somewhere in the forest, came these words, "Barkerville diggin's; that's where it was, along the Caribou creeks. A big strike; but I got it in the back of the head from my partner . . . That's what finished Rudolf Shipp."

In camp the next morning I asked several old-timers if they had known a man by the name of Rudolf Shipp, a miner, trapper or homesteader. (I spell the name here as it sounded to me.) No one had.

"Perhaps a bootlegger, from outside," one man said. "Plenty of them going through, you know."

Another man said, "Before my time most likely. This is a new job, and the province is liquor-dry."

Several months later I was working in the Club Cafe in Edmonton, Alberta, and a young Englishman named Alexander, out of London, worked with me. He was drafted and died in France during the First World War, but that was later. Back before the war in Edmonton he became my roommate and eventually suggested that we "move on".

I had remained silent on the subject of the Rudolf Shipp incident in British Columbia after my initial inquiries in the railroad camp. The reason was, I thought people would take me for a visionary. So Alexander never had heard that story.

In the spring when the big thaw came and the warming southwest

winds promised another summer was on the way, my roommate again proposed that we move on.

"Let's ship out into British Columbia," he suggested, "and get a job on that railroad construction."

"I was out there once," I told him. "It's a great, new empire."

"For 20 years," he said, "I worked as a clark (clerk) in London. I was married. No kids. The wife died; so I chucked everything in the old country and came out here. I'd like to see all I can.

"You see," he continued, "my grandfather came into the dominion some 40 years ago, worked in Ontario a while, up in the Cobalt. But the last my mother heard from him he said he was heading for British Columbia, prospecting or something. We never heard from him again. The word 'Caribou District' comes to mind."

Then he added, "Maybe someone out around that district will have known or at least heard of Rudolf Shipp."

CAROLYN JONES' WEIRD EXPERIENCE

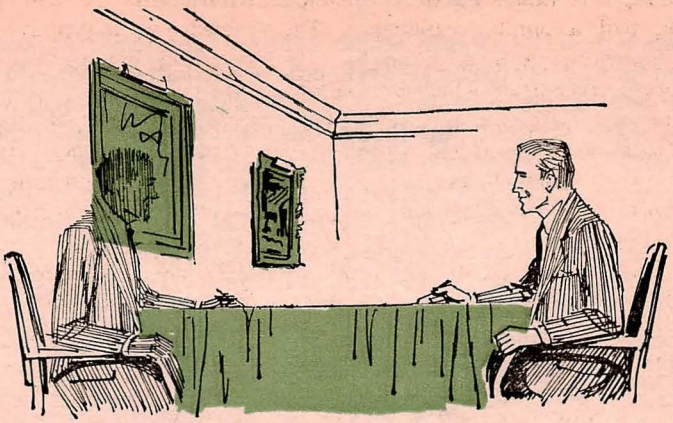
CAROLYN JONES, motion picture and television actress, had an amazing encounter with the unknown when she was a little girl, according to recent stories by Newspaper Enterprises Association and Dick Kleiner, *Fort Worth Press* correspondent.

The incident occurred in Amarillo, Tex., when Carolyn Jones was eight years old. Her family enjoyed a close friendship with a neighboring family. Joyce, the oldest daughter of the other family, was killed in an auto accident one Easter Sunday, while driving home from a Missouri school for the holidays.

On Easter Sunday one year later, Carolyn accompanied her family on a visit to Joyce's family. The sudden ringing of the phone interrupted the conversation. Everyone became tense, remembering that Joyce had telephoned on holidays when unable to come home.

Reluctant to answer, Joyce's mother asked Carolyn to pick up the receiver. Carolyn did so and reported that the telephone operator said she had a collect call from Joyce So-and-So. The adults thought she was displaying a macabre sense of humor until Joyce's father picked up the phone and listened. He heard Joyce's voice saying, "Daddy, I can't get home." The shock was so great he fainted.

Joyce's parents later tried to trace the call. The telephone company told them it had no record of a collect call made to their number.



Have YOU Seen Your DOUBLE?

Famed scientists Freud and Mach are included among persons who have reported seeing their own ghosts.

By Edward Podolsky, M.D.

A STRANGE phenomenon, known as autoscopy, or seeing yourself without a mirror, was experienced by Mrs. Anna W., of London, England. On a day in the autumn of 1956 she returned home in the late afternoon after her husband's funeral and saw a strange woman before her. As she turned on the light she saw that the woman wore a replica of her own coat, hat and veil. But, being too distraught to bother about the intruder, Mrs. W. began to undress. The stranger did the same. Only then, upon looking into the stranger's face, did Mrs. W. realize that she was staring at herself, as if in a mirror.

She was taken aback and a little frightened. And no wonder, for she was experiencing an unusual, yet long-recognized phenomenon, an autoscopic hallucination, in which one's own body image is projected. This body projection reportedly is not seen by anyone else except the person experiencing the phenomenon, and she sees it as a very real image of herself.

One winter day in December,

1958, Mr. Louis F., of Cleveland, O., had a similar experience. He was reading a book when he saw someone rise from where he was sitting and go to the medicine chest. Mr. F. was astonished to see that this figure was an exact duplicate of himself both in dress and physical characteristics.

In Chicago, Ill., in March, 1958, Mr. Harold C. returned home after a hard day's work in his office made more difficult by an attack of migraine. He sat down to have his dinner and saw, sitting opposite him, an exact replica of himself who repeated every movement he made while eating his meal. This vision lasted for the entire length of the meal. This gradually vanished. Two weeks later Mr. C. had a similar experience while he was playing golf. He found he never had this experience except after a migraine headache, and he always had such a vision after the migraine.

Mr. Manuel K., of New York City, had been subjected to epileptic seizures for several years. In April, 1959, while he was visiting a friend in a hospital he was astonished to see that he was accompanied by a duplicate of himself. This double sat down opposite him and duplicated every movement he made. Apparently no one else saw this weird apparition and, as astonished as Mr. K. was, he did not mention the strange occurrence. One month later he had a similar experience while typing a letter. Opposite him his exact duplicate also typed a letter.

Mr. Joseph M. had an even weirder experience. He had lost a leg in an automobile accident in Miami, Fla., and subsequently in July, 1960, in the same city, he saw his autoscopic double. This double possessed the startling ability to walk through solid objects, such as walls and doors.

Samuel V., of Kansas City, Mo., was gardening in his backyard in August, 1961, when he was astonished to see an exact duplicate of himself also engaged in gardening. This double was visible to him for about two hours. The next month, in September, Mr. V. was taking a walk when he found himself accompanied by his double—also, of course, taking a walk.

The idea that individuals have doubles long has fascinated man and "the double" is a favorite theme of writers attempting to create weird and uncanny effects.

An autoscopic image may be an hallucination, an illusion, or a vivid fantasy. However, all questions are not answered by the various theories which purport to explain autoscopy because this phenomenon is still not fully understood. There may be physicochemical changes in the brain which could account for some of the manifestations; but not

enough work has been done to allow us to understand fully what these are.

In most cases of autoscopy the image does exactly the same thing the subject does. However, when the image does something different than the subject there may be an added hallucinatory phenomenon due to the projection of subconscious wishes by the subject. Autoscopy is not a controlled thing; in so far as I know it is always spontaneous.

Most autoscopic phenomena, as the term implies, are visual. But other senses may be involved. The image may speak, as in the case of Mr. Lenny B., of Philadelphia, Pa. In January, 1961, Mr. B. was home alone engaged in some carpentry work at the time he saw a duplicate of himself—also engaged in carpentry work. He spoke to the image and asked him what he was doing. The image replied that he was doing exactly what Mr. B. was doing. Mr. B. was thoroughly frightened and did tell a friend of his experience. The friend didn't reply.

Even more frightening was the experience of Mrs. Jennie P. She was applying some makeup and saw an exact duplicate of herself doing the same thing. She reached out to touch the image. The image reached out to touch her. And Mrs. P. *felt* her face being touched by this image.

Seeing one's double is not always due to aberration. Autoscopic phenomena have been reported autobiographically by a number of normal, even distinguished individuals. Archbishop Frederick, the world-famous physicist, Ernest Mach, Austrian physicist and philosopher, Sigmund Freud, the father of psychonanalysis, all have described experiences with autoscopic doubles.

There are two main theories about the cause of autoscopy. The organic theory regards autoscopy as the result of some irritating process in the brain, particularly of the parieto-temporal-occipital area. Autoscopic phenomena have been described in cases of structural and non-organic diseases of various kinds. They are especially frequent with migraine and epilepsy. In both of these ailments certain areas of the brain are irritated and this irritation apparently results in the hallucination, the vision of oneself projected into space, doing whatever the individual is doing at that moment. The occipital area of the brain contains the visual area, and perhaps it is logical to assume that when it is irritated a visual image will be projected.

The psychological theory sees in autoscopy the projection of memory pictures. Certain pictures are stored in the memory and when conditions of stress or other unusual psychological situations arise these mem-

ories may be projected outside the body as very real images.

Certainly there are cases in which the hallucinations may represent a compensatory or wish-fulfilling mechanism.

Mr. John S. of Boston, one day in 1962, was sitting at home listening to classical music on records when he looked up to see a duplicate of himself leading an orchestra playing the music he was listening to. This represents a wish-fulfilling mechanism.

Several cases have been reported of persons seeing themselves do the things they always wanted to do: pitching a no-hit baseball game, flying an airplane, leading a charge in battle, etc. The images are always real and vivid, and not to be confused with ordinary daydreams.

When autoscopy occurs the "double usually appears suddenly and without warning; it just happens! Most frequently the persons "sees" only the face, or the face, shoulders and chest. Somewhat less frequently the whole figure is seen. The specter is clear in every detail although it generally has no color and may be transparent. It usually imitates all movements, particularly facial expressions of its "original".

Autoscopy is in reality a form of ghost-seeing. The particular distinction of this phenomenon is that the ghost one sees is one's own.

SIGNALS FROM SUPER-CIVILIZATIONS IN SPACE?

IN THE constellations of Aries and Pegasus are two tiny sources of radio emissions, which Soviet astronomer Nikolai S. Kardashev has suggested may be "beacons" of super-civilizations. His theory is based upon the ideas of Prof. Iosif S. Shklovsky, a noted astronomer, who believes that any highly advanced civilization in space would attempt to attract the attention of another by transmitting radio waves of tremendous power.

The two radio sources, cataloged as CTA-21 and CTA-102, are almost invisible optically. Radio astronomers consider them unique in the respect that the intensity of their radio emission at different wavelengths is unlike those of any other recorded sources.

The peak intensities of CTA-21 and CTA-102, have been found to be close to the optimum frequency for interstellar communications, but as yet no recognizable signals from them have been recorded anywhere. The situation, radio astronomers hope, may change as increasingly larger and more sensitive radio telescopes sweep the sky, listening for the faint pulses through the eternal night of deep space that will be the first clue to life elsewhere in our universe.

Through the years my strange dream was the same; seasons changed; different persons walked with me through the woods—only years later did I know the significance of this persistent dream walk.

By Grace Jaco



MY 17 YEAR DREAM

SOME DREAMS repeat themselves and become as familiar to us as the face of a friend. I began to dream such a dream many years ago. I suppose it could be said this dream dominated my adult life for nearly 20 years.

It began in the autumn of 1923 when we lived in Poplar Bluff, Mo., on Henderson Avenue, the last street on the west side of town. Across the thoroughfare was a large wooded tract known as Kendall Woods. The ridge of Kendall Woods stretched along the entire west city boundary It was perhaps half a mile wide and ended abruptly where a highway cut through.

In November, 1923, I dreamed that my husband, Theodore Clemons, and I took a walk through the woods. In my dream it seemed to be summertime; the trees were green, the wildflowers were blooming; and everything was in lovely color. Ted and I walked toward the highway but when we got to where the highway should have been I was alone. I stood gazing over the field of a farmstead. The field, containing perhaps 40 acres, was fenced with wire, the top strand

of which was barbed. Whatever was growing in the field was tall and yellow, like ripened wheat or dead grass. I was standing across this field from a brown, ell-shaped house which had a very singular appearance because there were no windows in the kitchen wing.

A path leading to the house followed the fence around the field. In the dream I went along the path to the front gate. The gate-latch was so rusty I had difficulty raising it but finally succeeded. The house had two front doors. between which a large dog resembling a Newfoundland lay dozing on a handmade braided rug. He raised his head, looked at me as if he knew me, and resumed his nap.

I entered by the left-hand door and found myself in the dining room. It seemed this was my home. The old-fashioned furniture gleamed with the patina of many hand-polishings. The crystal punch bowl on the buffet reflected the late afternoon sun in flashes of lovely color. But cobwebs were over everything. Looking through an open door into the parlor I could see familiar red velvet chairs in their accustomed places, a small table in the center of the room. The organ was open, with music on the rack and some of the stops pulled out. The organ stool was pushed back slightly as if someone just had left it. There were no cobwebs in the parlor.

I decided to tidy up the house and started toward the small closet between the pantry and kitchen where I knew the cleaning things were kept. To my surprise the swinging door from the dining room was painted gray. All the other woodwork was dark. After staring at it a moment I gave it a push. It didn't move! I pushed harder but could not get it open. As I worked at it I awoke.

When I got up I wrote all this down.

After November, 1923, this dream came to me many times for nearly 20 years. It seemed the whole idea of the journey was to get that pantry door open! This dream was always in color and the path, the trees, the flowers, even some fallen branches were always the same. I always knew exactly what was coming next. There were only two differences: The seasons changed in the dream; sometimes it was winter, other times spring, summer, or fall; and a different person walked with me each time although he or she always was gone by the time I reached the field.

In all, 11 persons took this walk with me. I kept an account of their names, the dates, and the seasons shown in the dream.

I put the list away and forgot

about it until one day in the summer of 1950; while I was resting, suddenly I thought of the old dream and realized it had stopped coming. I hunted up the list and was amazed at the manner in which it had worked out. All the people who had walked through the woods with me in my dream had died or in some other way gone out of my life for good. And they had done so at the exact season of the year shown in the dream in which they had walked with me.

The first to go was my husband, Theodore Clemons, who walked with me in the first dream. He died on June 27, 1931, eight years after the dream.

Next to go was my only sister, Ella Turner. She walked in my dream in February, 1924. In the dream the season was summer. She died on July 16, 1935, 11 years later.

My brother, Ira Russell, walked in my dream in May, 1926. It was spring in the dream as well as in actuality and Ira died May 20, 1941, 15 years later.

My mother, Rhoda Russell, accompanied me in the dream in October, 1929. It was spring in the dream and Mother died May 24, 1942. Thirteen years had passed.

A friend, Mr. E. H. Campbell, who I had met in 1931 went with me in the dream in December, 1931. The dream time was winter. We became engaged but in February, 1934, we went our separate ways and I have no knowledge of his present whereabouts or whether he is living or dead.

My stepdaughter, Helen Mefford, walked with me in a winter dream in July, 1938. She died February 8, 1944, six years later.

Another brother, Arthur Russell, who accompanied me in a winter dream in December, 1938, died on December 16, 1944. There was a six year interim here also.

My nephew and foster-son, William Turner, walked through the woods of my dream in April, 1939. It was spring in my dream as well. William died April 14, 1946, seven years afterwards.

My father, Edward Russell, with me in a winter-time dream in June, 1939, died on February 14, 1949—10 years later.

Otha C. Mefford, who was my husband at that time, went with me in a summer time dream in December, 1939. He still is living, but we were divorced in August, 1949, and thus he has gone out of my life.

The last time I dreamed this recurring dream was in 1940 and my son, Charles Clemons, walked through the woods of my dream with me. He is living.

Actually I had stopped dreaming this dream 10 years before I realiz-

ed it no longer came to me.

As much as I have thought about this I can reach no conclusion, except to feel that there is a reason for everything that happens, no matter how strange it seems. If we understood these unusual occurrences we would, indeed, be wiser.

REVELATION OF THE BLUE GALAXIES

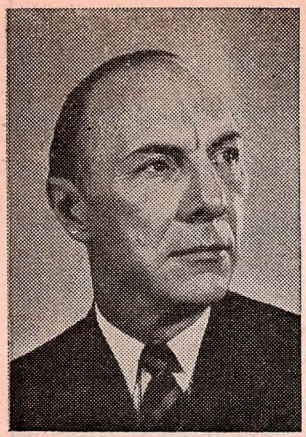
THE DISCOVERY of an entire class of strange blue objects, believed to be a "major constituent of the universe," recently was announced by Dr. Allan Sandage of the Mount Wilson and Mount Palomar observatories in California. The new objects, described as enormous and of unmatched brilliance, are said to resemble Quasars, or "quasi-stellar radio sources," except that they do not produce strong radio emission.

Called "Quasi-stellar Blue Galaxies," the objects appear to populate the entire universe and to be some 500 times more plentiful than Quasars. The Blue Galaxies, however, still are few when compared with normal galaxies like our own Milky Way. According to Dr. Sandage, there is only one Blue Galaxy for every 100,000 of the normal type. Like Quasars, however, the Blue Galaxies are so exceptionally brilliant that they can be seen at distances greater than any other objects.

Dr. Sandage reported that preliminary study of expansion rate data from three of the Blue Galaxies and 10 of the Quasars "indicates that our universe is a finite, closed system originating in a 'big bang,' that the expanding universe is slowing down, and that it probably pulsates (explodes) once every 82 billion years." This appears to mean that the universe ultimately will cease expanding and will contract, producing an explosion from which a new universe—and eventually new life—will be born.

20 YEARS AND 9,000 MILES AWAY

Geraldine LaPierre read the name Hatcher stencilled on a navy uniform worn by a young man in a bank in Guam. After asking some questions she identified him as Richard Hayes Hatcher and told him she was his mother. She had separated from his father when he was eight months old and has not seen him for 20 years.



THE PARANORMAL FOUNDATIONS OF JUDAISM

By Dr. Marcus Bach

The Jewish faith has endured, states Dr. Bach, because it flows from the paranormal feats of Moses and other Biblical figures.

Dr. Marcus Bach is an internationally known authority on contemporary religious movements. A former professor and associate director in the School of Religion at the University of Iowa, he is a popular lecturer and the author of over a dozen books, the latest being "Spiritual Breakthroughs For Our Time."

"IN THE BEGINNING *God created the heaven and the earth!*"

This opening line of the Old Testament has been called the greatest overture to a spiritual symphony ever written. To this appraisal we add that both the overture and the symphony were written psychically.

To be sure, scholarship and editorial skill played their part in these ancient scriptures, but the Bible of the Jews is first of all a psychic masterpiece.

"In the beginning God!" Authorship for this resounding note is attributed to Moses as are the first five books of the Bible known as the Pentateuch or Torah. Moses was more than prophet and lawgiver, he was a gifted medium who held direct communication with angelic presences and the Spirit of God. It is doubtful that the Jewish faith could have survived without the paranormal capacity of this intrepid and legendary figure.

Moses was a Hebrew, but the formative years of his life were spent in the spiritualistically saturated culture of Egypt where occult beliefs, communication with the dead, and the interpretation of

dreams and visions were features of a state religion. Here in the sand-strewn land of mystery where the Nile was a sacred stream and where the Pharaohs were worshipped as gods, the belief persisted that each individual possessed both a soul (*Ba*) and a spirit (*Ka*) which were the true essences of life.

Ba and *Ka* persisted, it was believed, as long as the body maintained a faithful semblance of its living form. So rose the art of mummification, a highly secret and mystical practice transmitted to initiates from psychic realms. Whether Moses was versed in these mysteries is not known, but obviously the details of necromancy were known to him even as the rituals of the Book of the Dead are known to us. Miraculously spared as he was at the time of his birth, intimate as he must have been with the household of the Pharaoh, it is small wonder that Moses was possessed of startling powers of clairvoyance, clairaudience and psychic skills.

Out of a land where gods of all kind were honored, where the bull was sacred and where a jackal-headed deity ruled over the dead, where tribute was paid to nature gods and to the immortalized Isis and Osiris, where the Pharaoh Ikhnaton was one day to be honored as the father of monotheism, a conquering Hebrew received spiritual impressions which were destined to change and shape the thinking of the world. "In the beginning God!"

Thus, in its early origins, the religion of the Hebrews was nurtured in the psychic womb. Though modern scholars may insist that Biblical accounts of a para-psychological nature are merely parables or meaningful myths, the fact remains that Judaism is a mystical mountain rising out o f the psychic stream. This religion with all its legalistic and moral emphasis never can be separated from the mediumship of Moses.

It may be a matter of little consequence, viewed from the bland perspective of modern times, to consider that a rod transformed into a snake could play a significant role in history, but this demonstration performed by Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh contributed directly to the release of a captive people from Egyptian bondage. It may be a simple feat of magic to strike a rock and have water gush forth upon a dry land, but it also may be construed as the work of a psychic adept. It may be mere tradition to suppose that Moses talked with God as a man might talk to his neighbor and that a divine pact was effected which instructed the angel of death to spare the homes marked by the blood of a lamb, but still today one of the most meaningful festivals in the life of 12,000,000

Jews is the celebration of Passover which recalls this historic event.

Judaism is many things, but in its origin and development it is basically a chain of psychic happenings. Moses is the strongest link in this chain. On Mt. Sinai where he saw God pass by, the "finger of God" wrote on tablets of stone precepts which have become the basis for the moral law of many nations.

Descending from the mount amid thunder and lightning and swirling mists, Moses came with face so filled with the light of God that he was forced to cover his countenance lest the people be blinded by the brightness. Fact or fiction? Whatever your conclusion, it remains the simple story simply told of a world religion born beyond the reaches of the rational mind.

Prior to Moses there were other links firmly forged into the psychic chain of this emerging faith. Adam walked with God. Eve talked with the serpent. Abel hearkened to the whisperings of the Lord. Noah built an ark in keeping with plans clairaudiently received. Lot entertained angels unawares.

Or consider the story of a man who, on a summer's day, heard a voice as he worked in his grove in Beersheba. By all the tests at his command: reflection, perception, introspection, he could only conclude that it was a spirit voice instructing him to take his son, whom he dearly loved, up to a mountain and offer him as a sacrifice to God. After a three day journey he reached the mountain and prepared the altar and the wood for the offering. While the son inquired about the meaning of all this, the aged father bound him with thongs, laid him on the altar and raised his knife. Then came the voice out of heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham, lay not thine hand upon the lad . . . for now I know that thou fearest God!"

Who will explain this away on logical, rational grounds? Abraham is a link in the psychic chain. So is Joshua, successor to Moses. The book in the Old Testament which bears his name is a chronicle of paranormal events all the way from Jericho whose walls crumbled at the sound of the shofar, to the sun which stood still upon Gibeon and the moon which was halted in the valley of Ajalon.

Elijah is a link in the chain. Possessed of highly mediumistic traits his life is a startling record of phenomenal demonstrations. And when the time came for him to die, he was translated to heaven in a flaming chariot drawn by horses of fire. Elisha, his counterpart, was equally psychically equipped. It may seem insignificant that the scripture should record the fact that this prophet caused an axe head to swim or a dry valley to be

filled with water or a leper to be miraculously healed, but according to the accounts in II Kings these were events which changed the course of history.

Open the Old Testament at random and you will find endless evidences that Judaism is a religion high-keyed to the supernatural. The handwriting on a wall at Belshazzar's feast, the voices that came to Samuel, the visions of Ezekiel, the precognition of a Jeremiah, the report of a Zachariah that an angel had told him the city of Jerusalem would be protected by the "wall of God," all are part of the history of a new nation whose destiny, it is believed, was divinely foreordained.

There will always be those who ask whether the links in this psychic chain are not merely figments of man's fantasy, simple ingredients of his wish-to-believe, or allegorical devices like the narrative of a Job or the love song of a Solomon. But to others in whom believability represents the everlasting quest, faith will be construed not as a matter of argument, but of experience. There is a stream of consciousness which carries within it the noumenon, the things in itself, and out of it at stated times and places, rises the phenomenon, the object of awareness. Nowhere does it rise with more persistent stature than out of Judaism. Granted that the Hebrews are, of all men, the most rational, their prophets and seers nonetheless developed their religion out of knowledge and experiences beyond the grasp of mortal mind.

There are some 200 allusions to angels in the Old Testament and nearly 1000 references to what today would be called evidences of paranormal phenomena. The Hebrew name for God, JHVH, is itself a metaphysical term which never was spoken because of its highly psychic powers. Jewish folk tales tell how this word was written on a parchment and placed into the mouth of the Golem, a man-made-man, and caused the robot to spring to life. Judaism is filled with esoteric references and spiritistic legends. There is, for example, the *Shekkinah* which is God indwelling in man; and *Sheol* the place of the dead; there are spirits like the *Alpiel* who watch over the fields, and there are *Seraphim* who stand guard over Yahweh's throne.

It is in the Jewish scriptures that the world of spiritualism finds one of its richest examples of materialization. Everyone even remotely conversant with mediumistic lore has heard of the Witch of Endor whose fascinating seance with Saul is graphically recorded in I Samuel 28.

Why did Saul insist on going to this materializing medium? For the simple reason that his customary

devices for divination, in which he strongly believed and trusted, had failed him. He had been unable to receive help or guidance from such mystical phylacteries as the Urim and Thummim. Prophets and priests were unable to serve his psychic needs. Dreams were no longer oracular. So off he went to the "witch" despite his own injunction that those with "familiar spirits" should not be tolerated in the land. Nonetheless, the spirit of Samuel was conjured up and the story stands firmly incorporated in the Word of God.

It *had* to be so included, for in the history of Judaism the narratives are always those which seemed to the canonizers most sacred, significant, and authoritative in the life of the people.

This standard for acceptance is also true of the various mystical commentaries such as the Kabbalah and the Zohar. Here are treasuries of esoteric lore which have been studied or investigated by every believing Jew and by many a Christian scholar. Kabbalah, which literally means a receptacle, synthesized the psychism of many faiths and fused their findings into a syncretic form. According to Kabbalists every line, letter and syllable of the Bible are mystical, and numerology, divination, and the broad field of parapsychological phenomena are given interpretation.

Angelology, too, belongs in the chain of Judaism's psychic sequence. Angels represent a bridge between pure God and impure man. If, according to the popular Rabbinic axiom, "God is the dwelling place of the universe, but the universe is not the dwelling place of God," angels become the logical intermediaries between two worlds. It was through angels and visions of angels that the Hebrew apocalyptic writers, Moses and Daniel particularly, foresaw the "end of the world," a belief which was taken over by John the Revelator in the Christian Book of Revelation. As John had a vision on the Isle of Patmos, so Moses had a similar visitation which he recorded in a book called *The Little Genesis* or *The Book of Jubilees.*

Apocalypticism is in itself a psychic extension into the field of history and has as its theme the high hope that the spirits of evil will eventually be conquered by the spirits of good or God.

Only after the apocalypse will man discover utopia and release the soul from finite bonds. Only then can the peaceable kingdom be realized, and it is to this messianic day that Jew and Christian alike turn reflective eyes and believing hearts. The will of man, however strong, cannot, apparently, produce the reality of the inner ideal which persistently tantalizes him. But he holds to the hope that the ideal can

and will be achieved because psychic sense and inner knowing have caught the secrets of the great unseen. Religion, and Jewish religion in particular, is evidence of the fact that there has been revelation independent of and beyond the power of the rational mind. Something has effected a breakthrough and this something is a mystical, psychic experience.

This is part of the reason why, in every Jewish synagogue, there is a sacred and mystical place, the Holy of Holies, set in the eastern wall and guarded by a perpetually burning light. Within the Holy of Holies is the sacred ark sheltering the Ten Commandments. In fact, the ark is the Holy of Holies and the Commandments are, in effect, the tablets of stone given to the Hebrew people by the mediumistic Moses who proclaimed, "In the beginning God!"

Each time these words are spoken in the sacred rituals of the Hebrew faith it is, as a Rabbi once said, "as though the angels caught their breath and listened, while man gives back to them the heavenly secrets which they hold as a sacred trust." So it is. And to the gifted listener there is also heard the full, triumphant glory of a psychic symphony stirring the soul as it contemplates the mystery of all that which is divine.

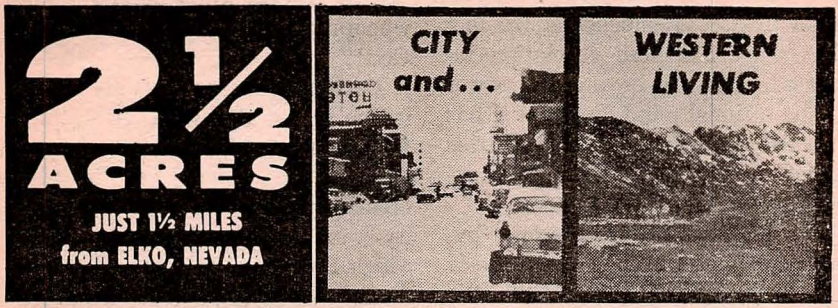
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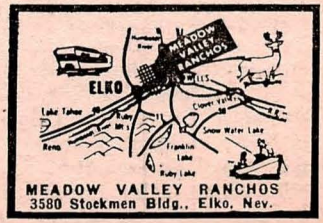
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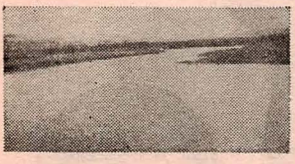


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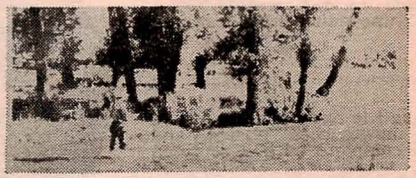
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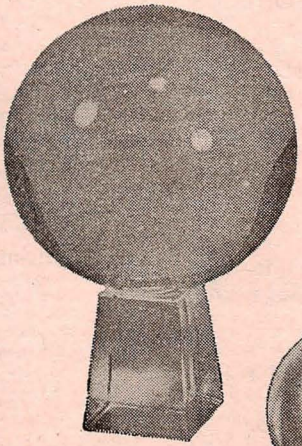
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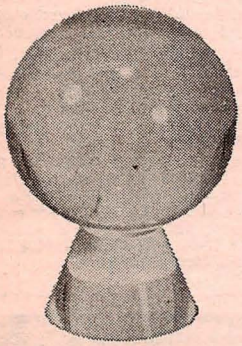
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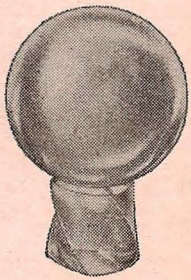
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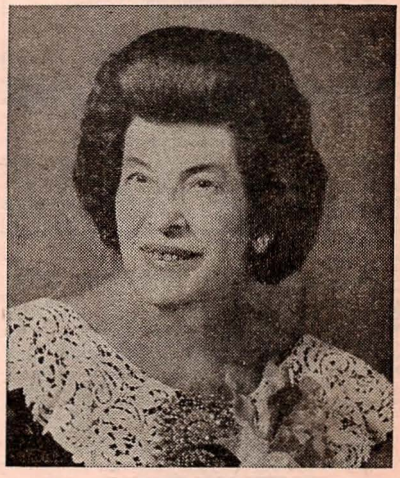
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mother, Sylvia Jane Isaacs, was in ill health and decided to move from London, England, to Cardiff, Wales. While we were living in Cardiff I became ill with Saint Vitus Dance, a nervous disorder.

A friend who knew of my mother's poor health was travelling to London and offered to take me along by train to see a London specialist. My mother agreed to let me make the trip. After assuring me I would be back with her very soon, she kissed me goodbye.

My memory of the long train trip to London, in about 1910, is hazy. But I do remember being admitted immediately to King's College Hospital.

And one of the nights in the hospital is very clear in my memory. I awakened suddenly to find my mother bending over me, her hand brushing the hair from my forehead in her familiar, loving gesture. Then she sat down in the chair by my bed and smiled at me. She took a long strand of coral beads from her pocket and wound them about her neck. Just knowing she was there reassured me and I fell fast asleep again.

In the morning when I awoke she was gone. I asked the nurses to bring her back and they told me my mother was still in Cardiff, Wales. I sobbed all day, telling them she had been sitting near my bed during the night. I implored them to allow her to come in to see me again.

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After the First World War I moved to Milwaukee with my two small children. Milwaukee was a small town then, pleasant and easy-going. There I started a home bakery, employed two bakers, a candy maker, candy dipper, a dishwasher, delivery boy, and Bernice, a general helper.

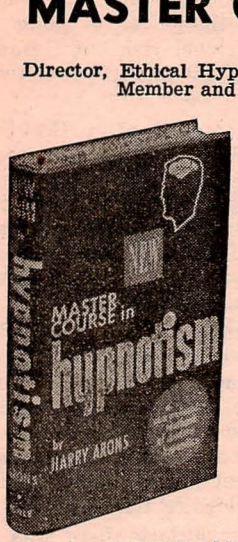
I took Bernice from an orphanage when she just had completed her high school course and was ready to support herself. She had been in the orphanage since she was six years old; both her parents were dead. The orphanage recommended her as honest, friendly, meticulous and trustworthy. I found she was all these things and more. She sold bakery goods, opened the store in the mornings and locked it at night. She kept the books, taking care of the receipts until

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Friday when she turned them over to me. I then paid the help and banked the balance on Saturday morning. As things were going I wasn't going to get rich but I managed to support myself and two daughters.

About three years after Bernice started to work for me she met a nice young man and soon they became engaged. Since he was in dental school their marriage was not scheduled to take place for a time and I was glad I would have Bernice for a while longer.

One cold morning in March in the early 1900's I reached my bakery to find the door locked. I went around to the back wondering what had happened to Bernice. Then I opened the store and was so busy for the next few hours that thoughts of Bernice fled my mind.

About 10:00 o'clock there was a lull in the shop so I asked Dan, my delivery boy, to go to Tobar House where Bernice lived and learn why she was not at work. Dan started off on his bicycle. He returned soon bringing a police officer with him.

The officer started to question me, "You know Bernice Johnson?"

"Yes," I replied, "she works for me."

"Not any more," he said, "she's dead. Killed herself, it seems."

The man was gruff and unpleasant. "She have any family, friends, relatives?" he asked.

I was unable to answer many of the questions; practically all I knew was that Bernice had been raised in the orphanage and had no family. I told him she had a fiance, but I didn't know his name except that she called him Tom

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and he attended a dental college. Which college, or where he roomed I did not know.

Suddenly I remembered this was Friday and Bernice should have had the week's receipts from the bakery which I needed to pay my employees. Of course, it was impossible to look in her room until the police ordered it unsealed, which could be days, weeks, or longer. My employees agreed to wait for their wages until I could make arrangements to pay them.

When the door was finally unsealed the room was searched thoroughly, but to no avail. I wondered if she had loaned the money to Tom in some emergency and then been ashamed to face me? Was this the reason for her suicide? Tom had disappeared from his rooming house and the police could not locate him. I became sure he had my money.

A few months later a friend dropped into my shop and asked if there were any clues as to why Bernice had taken her life. I told her my suspicions, that I was very unhappy about losing a week's receipts and didn't know how I would ever catch up. She asked if I ever had attended a Spiritualist meeting. I told her I had and was very much interested. She suggested we go to a meeting to be held that very night.

That evening a group of 12 of us sat down around a table at the home of the medium. The only illumination was from two candles; soft music from a phonograph filled the air. The medium impressed me as being an earthy type; she was blonde and rather plump. But as it turned out she was very good. She

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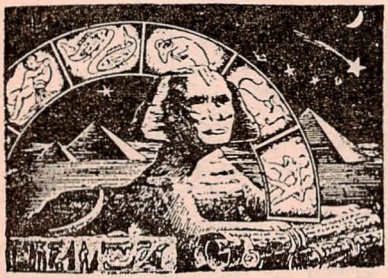
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Before long she turned to me, using my name and said, "There is a young girl standing next to you; she is crying so hard I can hardly understand what she is saying. Now I get it; she says, 'Tom should have married me now, but he is so stubborn. I couldn't live it down!' She is leaving; she crosses the room and goes down a flight of stairs, into a long narrow cellar apparently used as a storage room and crowded with barrels and boxes and tubs. She is walking to a corner. Here she stops and points toward the ceiling from which a heavy, dark brown string is dangling; now she has disappeared."

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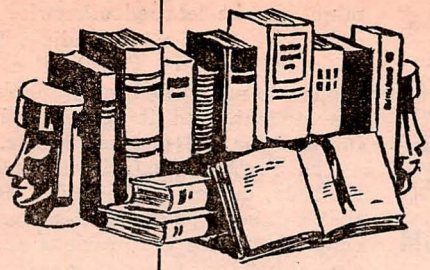


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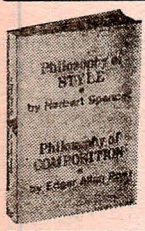
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INTIMATIONS OF IMMORTALITY, by Robert Crookall. James Clarke & Co., Ltd., London, 1965. 138 pages, plus index, $3.75 (price includes overseas postage and packing).

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Yet the out-of-the-body experience as reported in many cases by persons of good reputation is one of the best of the "intimations" of survival. It appears to be the same process as the transition at death except that on excursions before death the soul body remains tethered to the physical body by an extensible cord —romantically considered to be the silver cord of Ecclesiastes, XII-6, and clearly visible to many of the out-of-the-body excursionists, some of whom definitely never had heard of such a thing before.

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THE SECRET SOCIETIES OF ALL AGES AND COUNTRIES, by Charles William Heckethorn. University Books, New Hyde Park, New York, 1965. 702 pages, $15.00.

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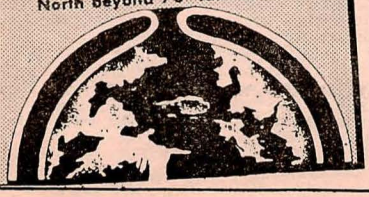


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He had been admitted to the New York Lodge of the Theosophical Society in 1886, two years prior to publication of his book. But as it is based on very extensive literary research it was probably started much earlier. In any case, as originally written it contained no reference to Theosophy. However, in 1923, it was reprinted by the Theosophical University Press with addition of 40 pages of partially Theosophically oriented material. This material is reproduced in the present edition but is separate from the rest, except for some additions to the bibliography. Thus Mr. Walker's text remains as it was, and indeed with restoration of a little that was omitted in the 1923 edition.

Intending only to strengthen religious belief by resolving some

of the perplexing questions that arise within Christian orthodoxy, Walker felt safe in basing the development in the book on the two primary assupmtions that man has a soul and that the soul is immortal. He therefore simply endeavored to show that it is most logical to believe that man has the experience of many earthly lives (or the equivalent, perhaps, on other planets) before living in spirit only, to return no more.

Recognizing that he had the job of persuading a very skeptical audience, Walker devoted considerable sections of his book to pertinent, supporting quotations from prominent Western thinkers. Some of these items run to considerable length and help markedly to supplement his own arguments. This is especially true of the prose quotations, but there are also many quotations from poetry of both the East and the West.

The book is notable also for containing considerable history of the concept of reincarnation, this of course relating largely to the East. However, this history is interesting (and may be surprising to some) in showing the strong role that reincarnation played in early Christian thought. Probably owing to this, the book is subtitled "A Study of Forgotten Truth."

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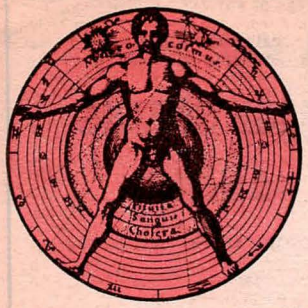
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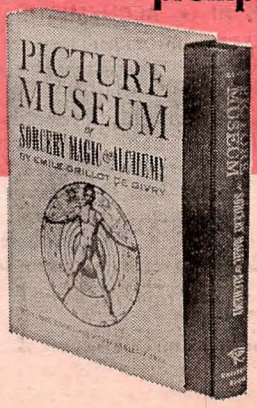
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Report FROM THE Readers

CORRECTION

You mentioned that Mrs. Pomush had come from Elkhart, Ind., in James Crenshaw's article, *ESP Locates Missing Plane*, in the January, 1966, FATE. This is a slight error. Her son-in-law had his business there, but Mrs. Pomush lives in South Bend. My phone call came from South Bend. However, this is not a serious omission.—*Harold Sherman, Little Rock, Ark.*

"CONSTELLATION" GHOST

Some years ago I went to the "Sunpapers" Morgue and had a photofax copy made of the Patrick Skene Catling article and sent it to FATE. I then tried to run down the photograph. Since the name Lt. Com. Allen Ross Brougham of the local United States Naval Reserve installation was mentioned I contacted Commander Brougham. He apparently was ill at the time and has since died, and when I talked with him he seemed rather vague and said, "Oh, yes, the ghost . . ." He then told me to contact the photographer, a Mr. Kneische of the *Sun*. I was not able to get in touch with Kneische but a message which he left for me said they could not

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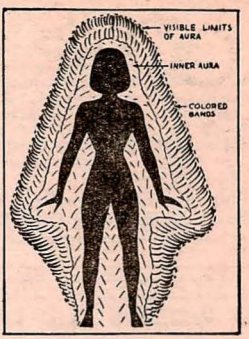


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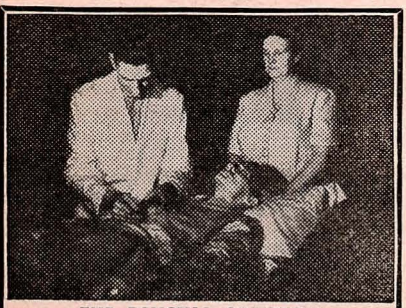
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I recall the article and my impression was that it was a straightforward one, mentioning that some sailors on a ship moored near the *Constellation* had noticed strange noises on the old ship and that this led to the investigation and the photographing of the "ghost".—*Charles A. Seibold, Pikesville, Md.*

THINGS IN THE SKY

When I was a small boy, during the Second World War, we lived next to Whitefish Bay and my mother and I were walking along the beach in a northeasterly direction when, to our amazement, we saw in the sky a beautiful angel. The sky was blue and white, and as we walked out to the beach from the house there were no ground lights. It was around 7:30 in the evening, toward the last of October, 1945.

The other strange experience I have had with seeing things in the sky was while I was a radar operator in San Francisco. I saw a flying saucer but couldn't find it on the radars. It was a bright yellow light and stood still for about four minutes; then it rose vertically and swished away with unbelievable speed. It went northwest out over the Pacific Ocean. Others saw it too. Some said it was an airplane but I knew different and so did a few of my Army buddies. This was in mid-summer of 1964.—*Paul E. Petosky, Pickford, Mich.*

DEATH MASK!

Last summer while I was employed with Metalcraft Manufacturing Co., of Lynwood, Calif., I sat opposite a young married girl about 20 years old who was planning on going to the mountains with her husband and baby daughter in a small trailer her husband had built. This was in the lunchroom. As I looked at her face I saw a black mask cover it, in a misty form. I said to myself, "That is a death mask." I shook my head and said aloud, "Oh, perish the thought!" but how I wish I had warned her!

She and the baby were found dead after they had used the barbecue to heat the trailer during a cold night in the mountains near Bishop, Calif. Her husband was saved but he was hospitalized for weeks. Whether or not she would have listened to me is beside the point. The vision was given to me to act on, and I did not do so.—*Martie Newman, Covina, Calif.*

IN NEED OF GOD

I am a young man, 23 years old, and have been having trouble getting close to God as I once was. I am a Christian but seemingly have lost the "joy of my salvation". I go to church regularly, and play the organ and piano for the Foursquare Church, in Merced, Calif. I know there must be some of your readers who have the gifts of the spirit operating in their lives and if they read this perhaps the Lord can reveal to one of them just what is wrong. I would like the Lord to show them what I must do to get back close to Him.—*Lonnie L. Lillard, Gen. Del., Le Grand, Calif.*

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Or friends in the Beyond may have been close around and anxious to help—just waiting for an opportunity which was provided by her stepping out into more direct contact with nature, making it possible for her to become aware of the love being poured out for her.

If Mrs. Share wishes a more detailed explanation I will be glad to give what help I can in a personal letter.

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I have had the perfume phenomenon many times. Sometimes the perfume remains for several hours and sometimes only a few minutes.

In 1962 we bought some beautiful urns from the St. Paul Antique Show. The urns were bronze and we decided they must have been burial urns. The day we set them on our mantel we smelled a beautiful odor of incense, but outside the room, under a large maple tree. The fragrance stayed in a circle about four feet wide for about four hours. No odor lasts this long in the out-of-doors under normal circumstances.

Another day my friend Lucy Lincoln and I went to the St. Paul Cathedral to see the beautiful stained glass windows and art works. As we approached the statue of St. Theresa I was impressed to light a candle and as we stood there waves of perfume flowed around us. After touring the building we returned to the spot, but the odor was gone. We rested for a moment and just as we rose to leave waves of the perfume came again. It made us feel elated and for the rest of the day we seemed to walk on clouds.—*Mary Toth Gromak, Minneapolis, Minn.*

About four years ago I was sitting in the living room reading when I noticed a strong odor of cedar. It was a very pleasant fragrance. My wife came into the room and smelled it also. She had been using no disinfectant or incense.

After this it came several times a day. The odor of cedar would come suddenly and last for a minute or two and be gone. It came while we were driving in the car, it came to either one of us alone or together. It also was apparent to us while we visited in other homes. It always gave us a feeling that some divine protection surrounded us. Only once did a third person, a friend of ours, also experience the odor when we did.

On some occasions it would be a flower perfume. We were told, through a trance medium, that this either represented a loved one or an Etheric Teacher on a higher plane telling us of their presence.

My wife passed on a year ago and this fragrance stopped coming about two months later.—*Frank*

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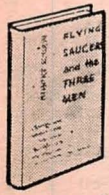
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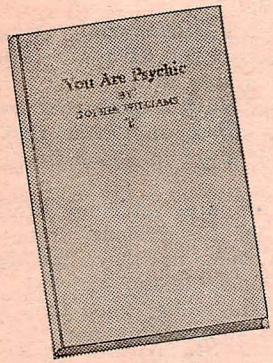
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first we thought it was a plane. It was about 4,000 feet high and moving 90 to 150 miles an hour, by our estimate. It passed about one mile south of us.

One of my friends said jokingly, "That plane must have a muffler; I can't even hear it."

Then suddenly a huge roar came from the object and after that it was out of sight in about five seconds.

A few minutes later my brother and two of his friends drove up and they told us they had been parked along-side the highway, listening to the radio, when they saw the lights approaching and the object had passed directly overhead. My brother said it was oval in shape and that two powerful searchlights from it were scanning the ground. They had started the car and attempted to follow it and it was then that the object increased its speed and soon disappeared.

After I got home I had a phone call from my cousin Tony. He said he and his father had been on their way home when the object passed over them. He and his father had stopped and gotten out of the car. The object had looked oval to them, also, and as they watched one spotlight shown directly forward from the craft and one scanned the ground.

The next day on the school bus two other boys told me of hearing a roar about 9:00 P.M. the preceding night. One of the boys said he had run outside but had not seen anything. They told me this before I mentioned my sighting to them.

After school that same day my father told me a man in a nearby

town also had seen the object. I do not think I should give his name without his consent, but he is a respectable person.

Since the object first was noiseless and then made a great roar I think it must have two power sources.

Perhaps APRO and other national organizations should sponsor a week of observations throughout the nation. They could be like the meteorite observations astronomy clubs conduct. The members could patrol the sky for each night of the week equipped with camera and binoculars to spot UFO's. If such mass observations were held two times a year a great deal of information could be gathered.—*Larry G. Johnson, Millen, Ga.*

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I believe, by instinct if nothing else, that there exist force-fields of a still unknown nature, that every object, living or lifeless, is surrounded by a field of some kind which exerts influence on surrounding objects. (This is in addition to known fields.) And, in reverse, the fields surrounding other objects exert influence upon our own bodies and possibly upon our minds. Dowsing, to my view, is an interesting but minor manifestation of this unknown field.

Please keep on top of this subject.

And, also, please keep on top of your promise concerning studies of atmospheric electricity's effect on the human body, as mentioned on page 8 of your October, 1965, issue. I have clippings from reputable and recognized doctors on the body's accumulation of static electricity, through friction of clothes and other sources, and the recommendation to "drain it off" by touching some grounded conductor, such as a water pipe.

After all, we effectively insulate ourselves from mother earth by the shoes we wear, the houses we live in, the pavement we travel upon, the cars we ride in. We accumulate quite a "charge".

Can this be one of the reasons, or even the subconscious main reason, we enjoy swimming, lying on the beach or ground, going barefoot and getting outdoors in general? Are we expressing a desire to de-electrify ourselves?

And is our unknown field, or our known ones, becoming more powerful? Much of the energy we

receive from the sun does not reach the earth. It is "bounced back" by our atmosphere. What becomes of it? Energy cannot be created or destroyed. This "bounced" energy does not return to the sun; it hardly can be believed that all of it radiates into space. So where is it? Is it building up a greater and greater "field" around the earth?—*Hugh Allen, Knoxville, Tenn.*

EYELESS SIGHT

In FATE, July, 1960, you published an account of Margaret Foos and her True Sight as taught by her father, W. A. Foos. Although I did not see her work in person I did see her on Art Linkleter's TV House Party twice and was appalled at the statement they compelled the Foos family to make: that this method could not be taught to the blind. But I personally know of one blind man who did, after a few lessons, "see" objects, colors, etc.

Another close friend of mine, Dr. Joseph Hansell, and his wife visited the Foos family and saw the girl work. They interviewed her, I think in 1959, and were amazed at her work.

Why doesn't FATE follow through on the Foos story? There must be something to the work Mr. Foos did. Too many persons I know saw Margaret do these things for me to disbelieve.

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A FRIENDLY CHALLENGE

FATE Magazine for December, 1965, reprinted a section of the recent book by Jacques Vallee which speculates on the nature of the UFO phenomena. The writer welcomes to the ranks of serious students of this subject a scientist of the caliber of Mr. Vallee. However, we note with some concern that the basis of his very extended theorizing is the statement that "no physical evidence (of UFO's) has yet been found." One must assume that Mr. Vallee is not familiar with NICAP's *UFO Evidence* and material to be found in such magazines as FATE, the *APRO Bulletin*, the *UFO Investigator*, and the London *Flying Saucer Review*. Moreover, recent evidence pertaining to the physical reality of UFO's is quite overwhelming. The writer believes that if Mr. Vallee would acquaint himself with the many and various authentic cases of physical evidence, and concentrate his analyses and speculation on such factual data, he would make a signal contribution to UFO knowledge.

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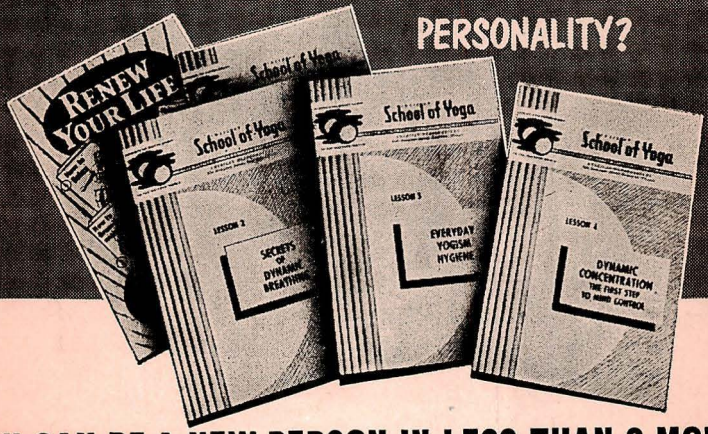
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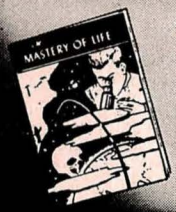
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